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## THE

## POETS AND POETRY OF MUNSTER.

" Yike some old Irish song Brimfal of love, and life, and truth."

Thomas Davis.


LREADY has the subject of Irish versification and poetry been sufficiently examined in essays, grammars, and introductions, to allow me to spare the reader a disquisition upon it. Nor will he find in the the present little volume many examples of those varied and intricate kinds of verse, the difficulty of whose structure it pleased the bards, when they flourished, to increase-in order it would seem, both to show their own skill in fulfilling such regulations, and to deter the uninitiated from encroaching on their privileges. Although these more learned styles have been almost the sole kind transmitted to us through our ancient manuscripts, yet it appears to me that there may have been poems of easier flow and simpler measuresongs and ballads, in fact-circulating among the people the mselves.

It is true, that the bards recited before the chieftains and their clanna the lays of their heroism, or the chivalrous actions of Finn, and Oisin, and Oscar, "the gold-deeded;"
but had not the young men and maidens their own private loves, and joys and sorrows, to tell of beneath the manycolumned green forest domes of aucient Erinn. Had they not, therefore, emotions powerful enough to stir them to song, -ay ! and a language soft and flexible enough, in all truth, to give to the natural poetry of the peasant's heart a voice the most sweet and seductive of the whole world!

Gratcful, indeed, should they have been to their mellifluous mother-tongue, and gratefully has a bard expressed himself in later times. The following is the production of O'Lionan, a man who could appreciate how much beauty and tenderness might be lost, having the opportunity he had of hearing the inflexible, un-endearing language of the "porker" Saxons jarring upon the ear of his country. How the Irish people clung to their language with a love, increased by their knowledge of that harsh and un-sonorous tongue, may be judged by the answer of CNeill's interpreter to a London citizen. When Seaan " of the Pride" went to the court of Elizabeth, some of the courtiers asked his interpreter why it was his prince spoke not the English. "'Think you," was the scornful answer, "it would become The O'Neill to writhe his mouth with such barbarous jargon."

This is the lay of O'Lionan in praise of the Gaelic :-

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 Cearja ir uarle matu ̇mle luar;



Niom labapr hómen ba canom mant,





Uuś caom-öle lyomra a panim.


Never was heard a strain so sweet, A language so noble-a flood rolling fleet, A speech so pure-bright, so warm and chaste, Like a nourishing stream from a mother's breast.

Nerer spake Homer, the old and grand, Nor brilliant Orid the gay and lland, In speech so full-swelling-a cascade that ne'er Dryeth up-a music that floats on the air.

Than melodious tones of the golden ehords, Than airy notes of the tuneful birds, Thy thrilling voice comes to my soul more clear. And thy songs to my heart more nobly dear !

In our own days an anonymous but sweet singer, to whom doubtless the Irish was the language sang by his cradle, thus affectionately remembers it in his manhood:-
"The language of old Erinn, of her history and name-
Of her monarchs and her heroes-her glory and her fame-
The Sacred Shrine, where rested thro' sunshine and thro' gloom,
The spirit of her martyrs, as their bodies in the tomb;
The time-wrought Shell, where murmured, 'mid centuries of wrong-
The secret voice of Freedom, in annal and in song-

The olden Tongue is sinking, like a patriarch to rest, Whose youth beheld the Tyrian on our Irish coasts a guest, Ere the Roman or the Sason, the Norman or the Dane, Had first set foot in Britain, oंer trampled heaps of slain.

The glories of old Erinn, with her liberty have gone, Yet their halo lingerd round her while the Gaelic speech lived on, For, 'mid the desert of her woe, a monument more vast Than all her pillar-towers it stood-that Old Tongue of the Past.

Ah! magic Tongue, that round us wove its spells so soft and dear !
Ah! pleasant Tongue, whose murmurs were as music to the ear!
Ab! glorious Tongue, whose accents could each Celtic heart enthrall!
Ah! rushing Tongue, that sounded like the swollen torrent's fall! The tongue that in the Senate was lightning flashing bright, Whose echo in the battle, was the thunder in its might,

That Tongue, which once in chieftain's hall poured loud the minstrel lay,
As chieftain, serf, ${ }^{1}$ and minstrel old is silent there to-day !"
The langaage had indeed been sinking "like a patriarch to rest," but of late years it has arisen " like a giant refreshed," and there is every hope that now our ancient literature will be preserved to the glory of the country, by publication. "The language of a nation's youth," said Thomas Davis, " is the only easy and full speech for its manhood and for its age. And when the language of its cradle goes, itself craves a tomb. What business has a Russian for the rippling language of Italy or India? How could a Greek distort his organs or his soul to speak Dutch upon the sides of Hymetus, or the beach of Salamis, or on the waste where once was Sparta? And is it befitting the fiery, delicate-organed Celt to abandon his beautiful tongue, docile and spirited as au Arab, 'sweet as music, strong as the wave'-is it befitting in him to abandon this wild liquid speech for that mongrel of a hundred breeds called English, which, powerful though it be, creaks and bangs about the Celt who tries to use it ? - Even should the effort to save it as the national language fail, by the attempt we will rescue its old literature, and hand down to our descendants proofs that we had a language as fit for love, and war, and business, and pleasure, as the world ever knew, and that we had not the spirit and nationality to preserve it." And again in his " Lament for the Milesians," the poet recurs to the same ever-cherished subject :-

[^0]Oh, sweet were the minstrels of kind Innis-Fail,

Whose music, nor ages nor sorrow can spoil, Ir enusj 万an oftre 'rab-fanpas!
But their sad stifled tones are like streams flowing hid.
Their ciolle ${ }^{2}$ and fiobnace were chid,
And their language " that melts into music" forbid

Nor have the Celts been unworthy of a defender so excellent, seeing they have sent forward a youthful bard
 quence into the language he loved:-

Believing that, although the poems handed down to us by ancient mauuscripts have been the productions of professed and educated bards, there were still, eren at the more remote periods, simpler songs and ballads, more especially adapted to and perhaps origiuated by the ancient tunes, it is natural to suppose that, as the bardic order became oppressed and persecuted to death by English law, the simpler style would become the prominent one in the country. But with the fall of the bards came also a decadence of poetic merit. The rustic rhymers having no longer generous chiefs who could allot to them lands and cattle, ${ }^{2}$ and having not the same cultivated audience as the older bards, nor so highly educated competitors, had neither time to give to refining their lays, nor the same emulative necessity for so doing. Hence many of the ballads now current are

[^1]mere plagiarisms, the one of the other, rhymed in different metres to suit other tunes. This is the case especially with the Jacobite relics - the frame-work of most being the vision of a beautiful impersonification of Erinn. The minor bards, also, were too much attracted (like many of the present day) by smoothness of rersification and fine sonorous words, and being abie to produce such, many have had their lucnbrations preserved, which ought to have been cast array.

Where the heart was the cause of the song, the result, as this little volume will, I hope, show, is very different. There were, indee?, many to be cast aside, which never would have attained popularity, but for the music to which they were linked. Ircland has not, however, so many of these as other countries; yet, as there are few things which have more power over the human mind than song, any one who has an influence in popularizing it, should carefully remember, if he be not a mere collector or speculator for gain, that what he sends forth may be fruitful for good or for evil. It is incumbent upon honourable men to place nothing before their country which might deteriorate the aspirations of its citizens, and more especially of its youth.

Of craft-songs, or songs adapted to various occupation, it is proper to say a few words. A few of the following specimens are extracted from a work of rare excellency, the Petrie Collection of "The Ancient Music of Ireland, Vol. I." -in which the rescarch displayed upon the history of Irish tunes, has thrown much light upon a subject hitherto very obscure. As the tunes of the various occupations had certain peculiarities, so had the songs, which were sung to these airs.

Thus in the Ploughman's song, a part of which we give here, it will be seen that there is a dramatic form adopted, a dialogue being sustained by the ploughman and his assistants. In the old-fashioned ploughing, three persons were necessary; the ploughman properly so called, who held the handles of the plough, the driver who guided and urged on the horees, and lastly, the director, who pressed with a forked stick upon the beam of the plough, so that a
sufficient and uniform depth might be had, the direction of forces being to lift the plough out of the earth, and this he counterbalanced.

## THE PLOUGH SONG.

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In the first two lines the plonghman addresses himself to the driver, in the last to the director. His instractions to driver, questionings of the director, and the latter's answers form the composition. These responses vary according as the director sees the progress of the dinner. It is first " a-cutting," then "a-threshing, a-winnowing, adrying, a-grinding, a-sifting, a-kneading, a-baking," but not until he announces "it is a-coming," does the plonghman change the style of his injunctions. Now, homever, he says :-

> "Hob and hein and urge on, The small red mare of the good-wifeUnyoke the horses, O Brother!
> Now, that our dinner comes forth."

This song may have been sung about meal-time, when
${ }^{1}$ These words mere sung to the second part of the air only: to the first part $H 0 b 0-b 03030$, words of cheering to the borses, werc rapeated.
the men were employed in a place where the housewife was dilatory in culinary affairs. Her little mare is not spared the whip and goad, until dinner appears, when the driver is directed to hob and hein, that is, to cheer her on by the sound of the voice alone.

As the plough-tunes differed in the different provinces, so, doubtless, did the words which were adapted to them. It would be of great service to the better knowledge of the customs and literature of our country, did those who have the opportunity of research in the various counties, exert it and forward the results to some of those periodicals (such as the Nation, Irishman, Ulster Journal of Archoeology, and Transactions of the Killienny Archoological Society) which either possess a fount of Irish type, or are able to print the language correctly in Roman characters.

The second specimen of craft-songs, which I am enabled to give is termed "The Smith's Song." The tune is peculiar, as the reader will see who can refer to the work, already mentioned, in which somewhat similar words ${ }_{2}$ are given ; but it seems that words and tune are now generally sung, not by the smiths, to the ring of whose hammer the time is well suited, but by nurses to lull irritable children. The nurse adapts the motions of her foot to the time of the tune, and thus imitates, with toe and heel, the sonnd to the hammer and sledge of the smiths.

THE SIIITH'S SONG.
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busirn é, bualre é,
'S buaplıílo 50 lérree. \({ }^{2}\)
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Ding deng didero, Strike this, blow this, Ding dong didero, Strike this, blow this, Ding dong didero, Strike this, blow this, Away went my wife With the airy ${ }^{3}$ tailor.

Not well do I make
A hatchet or a hook, Not well do I make

A spade or a hoe,
Since went from me
My darling wife
With a coxcomb-fool
Without gold or kine!

## Ding dong didero, <br> Ding dong dero, <br> The tailor's wife <br> And the tinker's lady!

1 This version (as internal evidence partly shows) was the favorite song of no less a personage than long Jack Farrell, better knowa by the cognomen of "Seaj̀, 5obu," i.e., Jack the Blacksmith, who kept his forge at Lickoran, in the county of Waterford, early in the present century; and who, aided by a choir of the Farnane boys, chaunted the song in full chorus whilst hammering into shape with their sledges the red-hot ircn on the anvil.-J. O'D.

2 This chorus is sung whin the iron is at its full heat, and the smith calls all hands to strike along with him, as may be seen in country forges.
${ }^{3}$ i.e. flighty.

> Strike it, Jack Smith, Lightly, lightly, Strike ye! strike ye ! Strike it all together.

A very good picture of the mofortunate man's desolation is simply represented above ; the frequent-recurring lurlen, the monotonous metre, and the aucheerful rhyme-sound of the broad vowels in the original are all well suited to that grief which spread a reil of tears between the monrnful man and the objects of his toil. In other times, indeed, the smiths were a mighty race and highly honoured in ancient Erimn ; they were eren feared, for were they not cunning in charms aud iucantations? In the olden hymn attributed to Saint Patrick they are placed in the same category to be guarded against as the draids and (wise)
 -" contra incantamenta mulierum et fabrorum ferrariorums et druidun"-" against the incantations of women, and smiths, and druids." In the case of the author of the song, however, the powers seem to have departed from his kind; perhaps grief or love prevented him from using his mystic weapons of might, or perhaps the woman had arms superior to his own. The woman takes precedence, certainly, in the last quoted Irish line.

Nest comes the domestic class of craft-songs, if we may elevate to that rank the "spinning-wheel" songs and the lullabies. The first, assuredly, deserves a high position, fur besides that the occupation requires a great deal of skill and delicacy of hand-work, it also gives an opportunity of lightening the labour into an amusement by the singing of cheerful songs-a high recommendation, surely, to a writer and admirer of such things! Truly and sadly, the grating cough of consumption is oftencr heard than the song from the stooping rotaries of shirt-making-a trade that now in Munster and glemnfull Ulster replaces orermuch the pleasant spimning-wheel. However, any homelakuar is better than factories.

## A SPINNING WHEEL SONG.

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"lumityólunex, lunica lamèa,
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Luirin o lurtha, lurtha lartha, ${ }^{1}$
Go by the river, and bring me my lover.
Luirin o lurtha, lurtha lartha,
'Tis Conn O'Keeffe I'll bring to you over.
Luirin o lurtha, lurtha. lartha,
He has hundreds of kine, but never my farot.
Luirin o lurtha, lurtha lartha,
Go by the river, and bring me my lover.
Luirin o lurtha, Iurtha lartha,
'Tis Harry the Tall Ill bring to you over.
Luirin o lurtha, lurtha lartha,
His head is at Cork and his heels are at Dover.

It will be at once risible, that, to carry on a ballad so constructed, there must be two songstresses at least. There

[^2]may be a whole group of them, as when the young girls of a neighbourhood assemble in one house for an evening's spinning. In the latter case the duty of responding to the command to the first speaker, "to go by the river and bring her her lover," would devolve upon the company in succession. Each answers until, by her excluding or disparaging answer, they gradually narrow the circle of their eligible acquaintances, finding out at last her lover, or the lad she had chosen in sport.

The first line of the above is merely a burden line, thus rendering the composition easier for the young maidens. For they need only rhyme to the first line, to the word "lartha" (laura) and this is not dificult in Irish. Becanse, although there are poems in Trish rhymed as perfectly in every sense (especially in these latter days) as cair be found in any language, yet it is generally sufficient to cause the vowels alone to have similar sounds. This rowel assonance is common also in Spanish, because in these languages the softer vowel-sounds predominate over the consomantal.

The folloring is a specimen ${ }^{1}$ of another spiming-wheel song, slightly different from the above, by which the young ladies who were to be married that Shrove-tide were discovered.

Cé hi at beato ó oo forfat ay pmoreo,


> "Oro, O darling fair ! and ioro O Fairness fair!
> Who's the yomng maid will be wed wpon Shrove-tide there? Oro, O darling fair! O lamb! and O love!"
"Oro, O darling fair! and ioro O Fairness fair ! Mary Ni Clery I hear will be wedded there, Oro, O darling fair ! O lamb! and O love!"
"Orn, O darling fair! and ioro O Fairness fair! Who's the young man upon whom fell this happy air? Oro, O darling fair! O lamb! and O love!"

1 For the entire of this and the foilowing see "Ancient Mosic of Ireiand"- the Irish being from the able care of Proiessor UCury.

The name is communicated, and, in answer to another doubting stanza, the enumeration of the wedding troussear is given, which, of course, places the matter beyond doubt.

Of lullabies there is a numerons muster. Dr. Petrie considers that the music of the Irish lullabies approaches much to the oriental in character, and gives it much praise.

The following is a stauza of a "fairy lullaby": 一
 Seoćó lé́! Seȯó leó!

Seȯ́ó leó! Seȯó leó!
 Seozó leó! Seozó lé́!
'Soo nujus areeac me aloor an Chgocitp, Seoźó leo! Seozó leó!
 Seȯ̃ leo! Seȯ́ólé́!
 Seożó leo! Seozó leó!

O maid that standest down by the rill, Sho ho lo, Sho ho lo,
Or dost thou know my grief and my ill, Sho ho lo, Sho ho lo,
A year and a day I was snatched so still! Sho ho lis, Sho leo lo,
From my love to the lioz on the little green hill, sho ho lo, Sho ho lo,
Shoheen, Shoheen, Shoheen, Shoheen, Sho ho lo, Sho ho lo,
Shoheen, Shoheen, Shoheeri, Shoheen, Sho ho lo, Sho ho lo.

This ballad represents a newly-married young woman who has been taken array by the fairies from her husband, and whose occupation in the lios or fort was to murse a fary child. She is supposed to sing the song on the anniversary of her capture, when she is permitted outside the lios. She has a fairy child in her arms, and espring one of her own kind afar off tries to inform her of her desolate situation, and the way to break the spell, while she carefully caresses and hushes the child to sleep.

For "The Boatman's Lay" see Walsh's "Popular Songs."

Such are some of the domestic songs, which are always the truest mirrors of the home-habits of a people. This being the case, it matters not much whether prejudiced foreigners, looking at the squalor in which their iniquitous laws have placed some of our people, and exaggerating basely and lyingly that misery, publish abroad their derision or blame upon our country. So long as the mind of the people is chivalrous and refined, as the songs which they love most, becanse these possess noble, tender, and patriotic sentiments, show that the mind of the Irish people undoubtedly is, squalor will not debase them, ${ }^{*}$ nor will their misfortune be their fault.

The reader will find many a love-song in every language ; the following fragment will appear to him, perhaps, in its simple heart-lovingness, equal in feeling and expression to the most delicate. Yet, it is evident that it is (in the Irish) the production of an untutored peasant.

> UNDER THE GREENWOOD.
> Air :-" The Maid in Bedlam."

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& \text { 'S bidean as cemleaban le ċéple, }
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& \text { 1r fada ó ma ćéfle omapm, }
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Ir bange it rànlyle

1r binne juàmbejolpn

ir featin'ra rin ule al h-uıprleace 'r a mén!,


How pleasant, sweet birdies ! To wake in the damn,
And sing to your true-lores The same bough upon ;

[^3]> Ah, not thus can I whisper To my darling one, 'Tis far from each other We wake in the dawn!
> She's whiter than lily, More fair to gaze on, She's more sweet-toned than violin, More bright than the sun!
> But better than all, is
> Her mind high and free, And, U Lord! take this absence, This anguish from me!

It is true, that subjoined is an epigram which shows that the author had no very high opinion of the stability of woman's affection. He must, however, have been some very ill-featured wretch who could not attract them, or some sad churl who lost them on his nature being appreciated. He was in earnest, at all events.





When cease the ducks upon the lake to go, When cease the swans to sail in plumes of snow, When cease the hounds to gnaw the bone, we know Deceit will cease in woman's heart to glow !

Having quoted a verse so derogatory to fair ladies, there is no choice left me but to insert stanzas justificatory. Hearken to their admirers and defenders, a host against one foe!
'Siblá jeal ta rméan f!
'S blai dear ya rub-cinaeb 1 !


'Si mo с́uprle! 'rј mo $\mathfrak{m u}$ ј!
1r íblá サA y-uball cúmina 1 !
Ir rampa angray fuace $\mathfrak{j}$ om Noolalj 'r Chairs,
She's the white flow'r of the berry!
She's the bright bloom of the cherry!
She's the noblest-fairest maiden That ever saw the day!

She's my pulse! my love! my pleasure!
She's the Apple's sweet bloom-treasure, She's Summer' 'mild the storm-time,
'Tween Christmas and the May!
Surely no poet has ever expressed more delicately or poetically so beautiful praise! Yet the Irish seems to have been the out-gushing of an unlearned mind-not, remember, that it is at all ungrammatical, the peasantry speak with wonderful purity-but because of its simple construction. The following are clearly the productions of more educated men, they have not the gushing simplicity of the above quoted.

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2l Ohe! 5aty me am abajlity,
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Nó ant mór atyry atyajnoity,
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Do blajajad ad dear lajm, Nó a m-bprollà do léproit.

Would that I were the apple, Or wee daisy only,
Or the rose in that garden, Where thou walkest lonely.

For, of leaflets or flow'rets, Thou surely wouldst choose some,
To bear in thy bright hand, Or wear on thy bosom!

Perhaps the most triumphant refutation of that calumnious epigram is this:-

## In blá alphe.

 1r こalam befo 'ma falpéanbat, Clervíje mine 万eala

 2llbs, à Fbrainc, 'ray Sbait,



> Had I for ink the ocean wide
> The broad land for white paper, Each wing that e'er in motion hied

> For quills so smooth and taper-
> For guerdon, got I Eire's self,
> And Europe of the bright air,
> The half thy virtues-Fairest elf !
> I never could indite there!

Such praise seems rather too energetic to be heart-felt; indeed, the Irish title "Aり blai anfye" sounds very like Blarney. If ever it were written as a serious compliment, the gallant mast have been a lover of the old courtly type-in periwig and powder. More probably it is one of those blythe outbursts of extraragance, intended to indicate slyly real feelings under an unblushing mask of hyperbole.

On the subjects of richness and porerty there are many epigrams, circulating among the people. In fact, in every rural district where the Irish is spoken, curious gems of quaint humour, flashing wit, and a keen knowledge of men and morals adorn that golden casket-a Celtic peasant's heart. Persons conversant with the people would do weil to catch these up from oblivion, and give them to the world through the press. Some of the following have never before seen the light, others that have been printed by Hardiman were either without translation or linked with very free ones.


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    'S a ćquać at fópr,
'S a mucalla raplle, pme
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The rich man whose grain-barn is brimful, And thousands his stooks,
Whose table is sumptuous, and many
His herds and brooks,

His kindred-he never will know them, If .in need they stand,
Nor fuel nor food to the wretched Will he command.




No Lazy Well-fed to the Hungry's kind,
Yet Lazy always leaves a lack behind, No love from maiden woos decrepit age, And Death stays not for Beauty's equipage.
In the following stanzas, which seem to me highly poetical, the stricken bard essays to persuade Misfortune to depart awhile to dwell among the rich; but is answered that, stricken though he be, there are yet greater miseries to come.

## ON MISFORTUNE.

## WILLIAM MAC GEARALT SANG:-



Cingio an flocar-bejoín concana à coninuje mí,


> ilt) Dovar.

beloend ratice faol à marajb, yo á bnollac ayjor ;


TIIE BARD.
"Pass on, O misfortune! I am weary of thee,
Dwell not longer on misery's straw with me,
Pise forth to the dom-beds, O Leveller, see!
Thou'lt find the red wine and sweet beoir ${ }^{1}$ flow free."

## MISFORTUNE.

Not I, O my cousin! I will not flee!
The pang to dart through each limb I'll be,
Ill guide, through thy hut, the rain's grey sea,
And the keen thorns of sickness I've yet for thee!"
1 beorn must not be mistaken for beer, though seemingly the same as the latter, and possibly its root.

Here are words from an elevated and upright mindthey would not be ill guides for a life.
 'S ma cas on mire m mear.


I traduce no man-my honour to none confideIf $I$ am traduced, I feel no stain abide. While men sit merry none merrier is than I,
Who in differing minds still find some common tie.
The "blunt, bluft honesty" of Englishmen has been so truly appreciated by the people, that there is no proverb in Munster looked upon as more an axiom than this:-

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Sarte Sacrarnary, } & \text { Smile of a Saxon, } \\
\text { oranneas manomio, } & \text { Grinning of curs, } \\
\text { Hosne bó, } & \text { Horn of oxen. } \\
\text { No crub capull. } & \text { Or hoof of horse. }
\end{array}
$$

The "Englishman's smile," it will be seen, leads the van-it being the most destrnctive. ${ }^{1}$ The next epigram was made on seeing an Eaglishman hanging on a tree. Hideous must the perfidy hare been to wring so bitter words from a generous-hearted people, as these are :-




${ }^{1}$ Hardiman gives another with translation to the same effect indeed they are nearly as plenty as their causes.
71. béwn cumany ne kean 5allon

befó coloce ar ジi to meallen.

With one of Maglish race all friendship shun,
For if you don't, you'll surely be undone,
He ll lie in wait to ruin you when he can,
Such is the friendship of the Englishman.
This has been pithily done into Latin, by one who, (remembering, the Pope's pun on seeing the Saxon children-" non angli sed angeli." "They are not Angles (Saxons) hut anyels")-thought the English were certainly angels-of the torrid zone!

Anglicus angelus est cui nunqum credere fas est, Cum tibi dicit "ave," velut ab hoste cave!

Good is thy fruit, $O$ Tree!
Plenty of such to each branch of thee;
I only grieve that the forests of Erinn
Are not daily full of the fruit thou'rt bearing.
Ojbine ajur olañonor aln ajur an,



Banishment and bondage, ruin and remorse, Pangs incurable thro' each bone and sinew's course, Be his lot, whod wish well to England's faithless clann, That exiled the noble race of Ir and Ereaman.




Empires have fallen and decay swept, like a blast, Ceesar. Alexander. and their like into the Past, Tura is but grass, and io, how Troy is ghast, So England will surely die the death at last.

I shall now conclude these specimens with :-
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FOUR PROVINCES.


1r こir lionこa i oe nul ! oe beólı,



Ir úlo-besn jolneano r rannij céol,









Each Munster chief is a stately Flower, The weak one's dauntlc:s cefending power; "Tiséa lend o'er-fiowing with homey and beair. And sLelters and succons The Poor evermore!
: This has been lindly ecnmunicated by Profesen Connellan, who received it from the lip of a Donegal jeasant, UGicllachor, in $1 \times 25$.

On Leinster's plains what voices of revelry, What fleet-footed steeds! what Columns of Chivalry !
$H_{0} w_{i}$ musical, mirthful and modest each maiden,
Whose soul is with honor and truthfulness laden!
'Twere easier to reckon the leaves of the lea
Than the beautiful maids and high chieftains that be,
In Clster!-Grand home of stout steed-mounted warriors, Thy shields and thy quick swords are Liberty's barriers !
Dear Connacht were praised, tho hushed in the tomb I lay,
O Land without fault!--thon never look'st gloomily !
For the Children of Song gold and honors flow therein,
And 'tis Connacht's the wheat of our green pleasant Erinn!
Thus terminates a desultory but not, I hope, an unreadable preface. Throughont-the Irish and arrangement bave been under Mr. O'Daly's carc. On me fell the choice, translation and versification of the poems. The English I have tried to make more faithful to the original in meaning, metre, idiom, and order of ideas than is usually the case. Where I have departed from the metre (as in "The Slight Red Steed") it was in order to give another which, in Englioh, sang better to the air. If it be oljected, as has been the case, that the Grecian and Roman deities are carefully excluded from the few Jacobite relics herein, I cheerfully acknowledge myself to be alone the delinquent. If the opinious I have expressed above and through the body of the work, seem too favorable to these Celtic compositions, as peasantballads, they camot be attributed to a Celt's or Momonian's partiality. For, the translator is an Clsterman and of Viking race, deriving from their publication no other gain than an increase of respect and love for the delicacy, devotion and chivalry of a much-maligned people. That loving, ever-young loyalty to Erimn, which they tenderly and manfully cherished through the most tempestuous ragings of persecntion, and to which they deroted their heart's blood as nourishment, appears to me inexpressibly nohle and beantiful. It was the prototype of that young Frenchman's conduct, who,

[^4]having obtained in the Holy Land a scion of a cedar of Lebanon, watched over it carefully on the voyage home. Who, when that vogage happened to be protracted by adverse winds, and the allowance of provisions reduced, watered it with part, and when that did not suffice, with all of his own curtailed allowance of water-and who, when the irresistible tempest came and wreck followed, swam ashore with it in his bosom, and died exhansted upon that shore. The little scion, however, has itself grown and increased, till it is now capable of giving a home to many singing birds and a shelter to a multitude of men-a stately cedar of Lebanon, in the Jardin des plantes, in Paris.

Courteons Reader!-Farewell.
ERIONNACH, M.D.
ERRATA.
The following errors occurred in the hurry of printing which the reader will kindly correct with his pen :-

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| Till | ... | ... | This | $\ldots$ |  | 4 | 19 |
| Live | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Life | $\ldots$ | ... | 23 | 21 |
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| ronople | ... | ... | rovolle | ... |  | 4 | 92 |
| Cut | ... | $\ldots$ | Out | ... |  | 7 | 93 |
| Ile-yeen | ... | $\ldots$ | Ne-yeen | ... | $\ldots$ | 32 | 17 |
| Sick is | ... | ... | Since sick | ... | ... | 13 | 189 |

The song of the Caravat at pige 16, ascribed to James $0^{\circ}$ Domell, is by John O'Donnell of Athlacis.

There is a rerse omitted in "jurooping Heart," p. 59.
After the 14th Sheet was printed off. we were informed that Slady Castle referred to at pars $214, n$. is on the estate of James O'Keeffe, Esq. of Mountain Castle, and not on Mr. Chearnley's.

THE

## POETS AND POETRY <br> of

MUNSTER.

## 2N BUACDZULL BZin．

Seathatn O＇COlleank ro Chitn，2．ס． 1782.

Form—＂ 21 п Callin Oont．＂

 Dhopre an sovan colr mpoll enaja；







Ba ćapin a dépoijon，－ba mín a b－aolćpob， ＇Sa olaj ya 户laoda map ór 50 p＇ajl；
Bajole a b－éaday ya juápr，ya piéaleay， Bhefr rolur 弓lépryeac oo＇veートゥojal popig la ：－
${ }^{1}$ The literal translation of the heading of this song， $2 \mathfrak{l n}$ Vusicallt ban，signifies the Fair Youth，the Darling One．The present poem is one of these Jacobite reliques，whose beauty has forced me to translate them，although I an far from admiring the conduct of the Stuarts．Yet，I do think it would be wrong to consider these songs purely Jacobite（in the Scotch sense），for the Irish cared less for a king than for a deliverer of that land，which they loved with en intensity beautifully shown in this ballad，but perhaps more so in that of Sile Mi Chopmealbatio in this rolume．－Er．

2 Those，whose rage for angliciing is great，have made this John Collins；now，the Irish family of OCoilean，or OCullane as written in Munster at present；or Cullion，as in Clster；or Callen，as in Leinster，has not the slightest affinity with the English family of Collins，and consequently no right to usurp the name．－Er．
${ }^{3}$ John Collins，author of this poem，was born about the year 1754，and descended from the OCbllanes，an ancient Irish sept， who were formerly lords of Castlelyons in the county of Cork，and the surrounding territory．Lut having lost all their possessions by

# AN BUACHAILL BAN. ${ }^{1}$ 

JOHN COLLINS SANG. ${ }^{2}$

Ans:-" Cailin Donn."
With crimson gleaming the dawn rose beaming On branchy oaks, nigh the golden shore; Above me rustled their leaves and, dreaming, Methonght a nymph rose the blue wares o'er! Her brow was brighter than stars that light our Dim dewy earth ere the summer dawn, But she spake in mourning :-" My heart of sorrow ! Ne'er brings a morrow-mo Bhuachaill Ban!"

Her teeth were pearlets, her curling tresses All golden flowed to the sparkling sea, Soft hands and spray. white, such brow as traces The artist's pen with most grace, had she!
the turbulence of the times, his tribe and family, like most of the Irish, were thrown on the world for subsistence. Collins, showing early symptoms of a disposition for learning, was destined by his parents for the priesthood; but after he had made considerable progress in the classics, untoward circumstances, or perhaps his own wishes, prevented the carrying out this object. At the age of manhood he took a wife, and soon became the father of a family, and was obliged to turn schoolmaster for their support. He taught at Myross for a long period; and, while thus occupied, composed several beautiful compositions in his native tongue. His pnem, en-
 vol. 2, p. 234), surpasses anything in the modern Gaelic for sublimity of thought and elegance of expression. His translation of the Exile of Erin is equally beautiful. Mr. OGrady, late President of the Osslanic Society, has in his possession a large collection of his manuscripts, written about 1774, and among which is a history of Ireland, but left in an unfinished state. He died at Skibbereen, in the year 1816, at the age of 64 years.-J. O'D.
${ }^{4}$ par, i.e parchment.

'Wa leacap míonla ené lígr bay;



 $\mathfrak{U}$ •r o’;

2 cive, a 5 rodalea, a oleacie, 'ra cajl;










 Nón е́as ray 5 -copncpy ay Buaciall Bay?





21 cumany céple ir fado alr fan!



1 Cinel or clann.
${ }^{2}$ Realean, star. The allusion is to Deirdre and the sons of Oisneach, called Cupapie tia Cmapbe Ruapi:. or Heroes of the Red Branch: for an account of whom see Transactions of the Gaolic Societs, Iub. 1808.-J. O'D.

Like crimson rays of the sunset streaming O'er snowy lilies, her bright cheeks shone, But tears down fell from her eyes, once beaming, Once queenly seeming, for Buachaill Ban!

I lowly knelt to the nymph of glory, The fair and gentle, the beauteous flow'r, And songht the lay of her gloomful story The kinel ${ }^{1}$ owning such lustrous dow'r.
" Art thou a fay of the azure sky, is't From royal ranks that thy race is drawn?
0, name this Highest whose fate thou sighest, For whom thou diest-thy Buachaill Ban?
"Art thou that star of the maids of Erinn Whose heart is bearing such burning grief, Since Ulla's dolor, when fell, unfearing, Thy Naesi prey to a faithless chief ?
Or plaintive fairy who, o'er Moyle's waters, Sent Lir's fair daughters in form of swan, A red-brauch knight who lies low in slaughters, Was he thy darling-thy Buachaill Ban ?"
" $O$, none of these," said this wondrous maiden, "For I am Fodhla -Queen of the Gael!
With chains o'er-laden my clans are fading,
And chiefs are bondsmen in Innisfail!
In wasting woe I've been long a griever
For One-the heir of victorious Conn,
The knightly scion of royal Eibhir, ${ }^{5}$
My darling ever-my Buachaill Ban!"

3 Lin clapin, the children of Lir, who were transformed into swans by their stepmother, and spent seven years in that form in the
 lication by the Ossianic Society, also Griffin's Tales of the Jury Roorn. —J. O'D.
"Pr. "Folla." An ancient name of Erinn.
${ }^{5}$ Sometimes written Heber, pronounced Eiver.


Do prionyra rabaci, clúriamul, lajopr,

 Orav3-сóroa 30 b-pomlay;




Do rejpn a 弓éaza zaoll a y-дне́aćzad,
 Na b-ép, ya mjolea, da cyojc, ya cojllee,

Do bí as papme ir ya jleaynea qjmépoll,


## 





So spap-loć pa Blapyayd do ćuadar:-
Do rinear comp chapy j japr ya m-bláa,
 $\mathscr{A}_{\eta}$ caо D'ár riolpajo 天 Mloam aynar!

[^5]"Rejore ! Rejoice ! tho' long thy slav'ry, At last, 0 Bright One! he comes-thy Chief !
He comes-thy Champion-with hosts of brav'ry,
Whose hearts are burning for thy relief.
With armies bearing the flag of Erinn, On tall barques steering thy seas upon,
Soon shalt thou crown with thy hand victorious Thy lover glorious-thy Buachaill Ban!"

Her sorrows fleeted—she struck the golden Sweet-ringing harp with her snowy hand, And poured in music the regal, olden, The glorious lays of a free-made Land!
The pebbly brooks in the vale seemed springing With brighter sheen on that sunny dawn, And birdful woods with delight were ringing, So sweet her singing for her Buachaill Ban !

## THE SPIRI' OF BLARNEY.

## PATRAIC MAC GEAROIT SANG.

Arr :--" $O$ Blarney Castle my Darling."
Night robed in a mist of enchantment
The slopes and the glade-arching boughs,
As, tired roaming where mansions were scant, went
The bard by the fay-lake to drowse.
The branches of blossoms drooped over
Which, sudden, a brightness illumed,
And a Fay of all fairness did hover
Where shadows druidic had loomed!

[^6]Biodzan mo ćpojde 'yam le b-ȧ̇ap,











Nón b bíjoeac pus thoir lepran raple,

Nón cupbe leazpa a pyride a d-zpȧ дат,
Ca cín ar a o-zaŋjalr ajr cuapro?





'Wa y-aol-bpozajb a alye zo luaje:
O'r ay Sejobane rin bí le real fayade
'Wa









[^7]My heart throbbed with rapture, and brightened My soul, 'fore that nymph from Above, For the smile from her brown eyes that lightened Sent my bosom a-thrilling with love !
0 , berry-red cheeks ! and 0 , cluster Of curling gold hair to the knee!
I could gaze the whole night on your linstre, And the night seem a minute to me!
"The Brink of White Rocks ${ }^{1}$ hath it been a Retreat for thy beauty ?" I said,
"Art thou Ainne ${ }^{2}$ or Miorras or Cliona, ${ }^{3}$ 0 gentle and snowy-palmed maid?
Art thou Deirdre ${ }^{4}$ whose wonderful fairness
Lared a crimson-branch knight o'er the sea
Hast thou tidings of sorrow or rareness
From thy wand'rings to whisper to me ?"
"For Mili's ${ }^{5}$ high clann I am grieving,
Of that Flower of the Brave is my race,
And long-long I've mourned in Ban-aoibhinn ${ }^{6}$
And yearned their return to The Chace.
But know !-of the Viscount of Blarney
Soon the voice in your turrets shall ring,
And the Exile be victor in war, nay!
Three Islands will crown him their King!
"These tidings thy clansmen to charm, or To frighten their foes, bear away ;Onr warriors in Spain d'on their armour,

And the barques of white sails fill the bay.
They'll wing to green Erinn their way-tide
And tempests shall scatter the foe,
0, Freedom shall gladden ere May-tide
The true-hearted Lordly and Low!

[^8]




Bead' plépreać fac hae 'jay at aоjbyear, Bejó réarea, bejo papnce afar ceorl;
ayr céple ma'r mépy lear ray ojȯè,









${ }^{1}$ Tyrone, all Ulster, was anciently famous for its skill in druid power, and this reputation of superhuman art seems to have long adhered to it. This sometimes appears even yet under a modified form, in a manner rather flattering indeed, but also not seldom
" And thou, wilt thou visit th' entrancing, The beauteous green glenns of Tyrone, ${ }^{1}$ Where a hundred bright maids, in silk glancing, Enchantment doth number her own!
We'll have festivals, dancing, and gladness, The harps shall light music outpour,
The fairest fay love thee to madness, And thine age change to glad youth once more !"
" 0 , fairest of Fairies! so sweet are Thy words that l'll fly to thy dell,
Ere a month when I place my goods meeter And say to my kindred-' farewell!'
The beloved of my youth I must give her My kindest of blessings for aye, Then, from thee, gentle fay, If I sever May I swiftly go down into clay !"
astounding to Ulster families who may have settled in some parts of the south. Whenever a neighbour falls sick, or an animal pines away, to them come the persons most interested in the matter asking for medical advice, and discontented unless they receive it, believing the refusal to proceed from surliness of disposition, and not from want of power!-Er.

## locy léjn.

Fonn:-Bean an Fhin Ruat.

Lively.


 av) -rléplí ; ${ }^{3}$
 Oly baple beas bay da lámile bappa loch lép.

1 Slonaty, the river Shannon.
2 Rat, Charleville, county of Cork.

## LOCH LEIN. 4

Arr:-"Red-haired Man's Wife."

The following song was supplied to as some years ago by Mr. Conor Mac Sweeny, a gentleman well known to Irish scholars through his edition of the "Songs of the Irish," \&c., published in 1844. Who took it down from the recital of his mother, an excellent Irish singer. It is very popular in the South of Ireland -more particularly in the locality which it commemorates. Killarney is the most attractive place of resort now in Ireland. being visited by tourists from all parts of the world. It has also been immortalised in Fenian poetry, as a place of general resort by the Fianna Eirionn, or Irish Militia, for hunting the red deer, with which the country then abounded. In one of these poems, published in the Fourth Volume of the Ossianic Society Transactions (see p. 201), it is stated that vast amount of treasures are buried under the waters at the northern and other sides of the lake.

The O'Cearbhuills or O'Carrolls, were ancient chiefs of this district, but the O'Donohues, ancestor of the present O'Donohue, M.P. dispossessed and reduced them, and erected a new territory, to which they gave the name of Eoganacht Locha Lein.-J. O'D.

I've roved thro' a thousand vallies when gay youth was mine,
O'er Sliav's verdant slopes, and from Rath to where Shannon's waves shine,
Yet never a spot-tho' fair, and fair withont stain, Was bright as the white dear village by blue Loch Lein!
${ }^{3}$ Slıab, a district so called in the county of Kerry, where an annual fair is held, known by the popular name of aotac all e-rléfle, i.e. the mountain fair.
${ }^{4}$ Now the Lakes of Killarney.

 QUúrian ；
Crajyy lopysir a’r bajo zay epacte ap pluma ya aball，
M＇r jur aj Ror ay Cbapleajy，bjoy mia aj

 feabar，
Bjon fion ajur bećrr ap bópo aca a m－buy zopra a y yleavy；
 a＇r aы среавар，
 ya $5^{-c ̧ a y n . ~}$

Do jofúblar Bao Bbéapla，${ }^{3}$ comp Eipne，a＇r ar

 б－ていamuıи，${ }^{6}$
Ni facar aon ball déy méto cé jupb－pada y mo ćudןr，
户口luas．${ }^{9}$

1 Ror an Chaprleapt，Ross Castle on the lakes of Killarney．
2 This mention of Ross Castle proves that a certain degree of an－ tiquity belongs to this poem；for，in all probability，it was com－ posed long before the siege of this stronghold by the English under the command of the＂mercil ss Brochil＂in 1653．Fioss Castle be－ longed to the noble family O＇Donochoe Mor，chieftains of the ter－ ritory called the Eoganacht of Loch Lein．It is picturesquely si－ tuated on a jutting＂ross＂or headland on the eastern side of the lower Lake，and commands a beautiful view of the waters，the winding strands，the green and wooded islets，and the wavy outline of the mountains－boundaries of the horizon．－Er．

How beauteous that vale where berries blash on each tree, And stateliest oaks overshade the flow'r-starr'd lea!
0 stately as tall masts are they, where apples gleam bright And damsels from Ross-castle casements ${ }^{2}$ pour songs of delight!

Bontorra of hosts ! thon gladden'st the children of song, They've red wine and sweet mead ever thy valleys among, They've deer for the chasing, woodcocks and starlings I trow,
While blackbird and thrush, their minstrels, sing on each bough!

I've wandered red Bearra and Thomond many times o'er, Through Ulad ${ }^{7}$ the grand and by Erne's ${ }^{8}$ bright greenwoody shore,
But nerer my eyes have seen, by mountain or main, The peer of the fairy mirror of blue Loch Lein!
s béampa, a region, and now a barony, that of Bere, in the south-west of the county of Cork.
${ }^{4}$ Ejrue, the lake called Lough Erne.
527 ann, a river in the county of Kerry.
6 Cuai 2) $\mathfrak{6}$ iant, Thomond in Clare.
7 Ulster.
8 Loch Erne is a most magnificent expanse of water, gemmed with green emeralds of islets, whose trees and shrubs look down over the very brink; it is situated at Enniskillen, the azure mountains of Connacht guard it on the west, and one of the most perfect of the "monarchs of time," an Irish Romnd Tower, raises its mystic head above its once sacred islet, and seems to rule the waves from the island of Devenish.-Er.

9 则斿-rluas, the good people or fairies; literally, the bost of the plain.

## 2iN CaRaBbaて. ${ }^{1}$




O bajle ya zuada jo bpuac ya fappze,



$\mathfrak{Z}_{5}$ rile ya púl eabapre comaple bur leapa dijb,



 Dlije ba b-eajalre ir álue mévin;





Capmre am coola yó ir fion mo rjéal!





[^9]
## THE CARAVAT.

JAMES O'DONNELL SANG.

Air:-" Im Asleep, or the Truth I Declare."
Among us this long time a rumour in motion goes,
Foreboding dissent in thy land, D'Neill!
From towns of the inland to where the blue ocean flows
Stalks Arrogance, Slaughter, and Dread 'mong the Gael. There are murmuring whispers abroad in my haren here, That at mass-hour the Church seems in sorrow most grave and drear,
That from you, for your own sakes, with tears it doth crave an ear
Taimse am chodhla no is for mo sgeal ? ${ }^{2}$
O, friends of my heart against me bear not anger's wrath,
'Tis you, you-faraor! whom my sad words wail, I mourn that I see you tread only Red Rancour's path, Exiled from that Church who for you did ne'er quail.
0 men! of the drink of Despair are ye quaffers mad?
0 blind men! you see not the grief-the Hereafter sad, Now! now! may the Sasons, your foes, look with laughter glad!
Taimse am chodh a no is fior mo sgeal!

Hear the voice of that Church which to heav'n is gratefullest, The tones of our patriot priests which cry:" Go not unto fair-greens with anger-and-hate full breast, 'Tis friends and not foes whom you doom to die."
the letting of land. sale of buttermilk, \&c., until many of them paid the penalty by sacrificing their lives on the gallows. James O'Donnell composed the present song on the occasion, which. if deficient in poetic talent, is at least highly valuable as containing a wholesome advice.--J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ Literally, "I'm asleep, or true is my tale."


 Bbere ajur capabaz bay do érép！


 lom，程 ay capabac bay do ífét万；

 からйも，

てapmre am coola rná oúpris mé！




 $\mathfrak{A}^{\prime} r$ еас́дpa $\dot{\text { móp aco ap Roman Catholics．}}$
 てajmpe ant coola yó tr fion mo rjéal！

 Ca b－fupl bán 5 －capapo a 5 －cúpre lán ple yóv



[^10]How woeful the Saxon would look and sink evermore, Did the Irish uniting once vow not to sever more, And for sake of old Freedom resolve to cease never more This Shan-vest and Caravat factions did fly!
" 0 man without spirit! who talkest so very meek, Thy high, gailant courage can need no stay,
Understand, then, heuceforth thou'st no aid on that merry week,
When Shanvest and Caravat factions display!
These two arms have left thy friends powerless to squeak behind,
And foreigners' laws brought on your homes to wreak their blind
Vengeance !-I fear that both leave thee but weak of mind. Taimse ain chodhla's na duisigh me!"'

Alas! you've no thought but for striving and quarreling, You stay not for friendship, for love, or gold ;
Mid swearing on books and the black ale unbarreling, With ink-horns prepared and the parchment unroll'd What tales at the Sessions your foes will be setting furth, The vile-visaged bailifis mill then spread their netting forth, They'll drink and be merry while your purse is sweating forth Its very heart's blood in their wringing hold !

I wonder that nothing will teach you to mend your lives, Clerical comnsets or ways of men ; At court, in the law-battle, where is the friend who strives To plead for, or shelter or shield you then?

[^11]

Diol anpzo le búpu aj eváiz le ya 5 －canrour， Capme am coola ró ir fíon mo r马éal！
 2）о b Do bpoynfad mac Dé payz－raojalpa pat opra，

Jr eajlac lom，fapaoir！弓uヶ meallá rib，

 てajmpe am coola yó rr fiop mo r马éal！
 Corisaple búq leapa da m’all libé ；


Slacajjide c｜all a＇r bejpid búf りaymanya，

 $\dot{\text { cepre }}$


## an Cbuajcbjor Bbjrwn．

〕r ayyr ay opoce bim fá bróy！


I＇r 3ay cop da cpoobe ya noy cam．

Behold! now already your neighbours in fetters there, With no sweet hope of Freedom-till to Death they are debtors there-
Paying boors for scant friendship-a breath of the better air Their white money strengthens our foeman's den.

Did the clanns of the Gael but unite in sincerity, What foeman could conquer or good man griese?
0 Heaven would grant us long-living prosperity, And glory of glories when life would leare.
That path, 0 my friends! you are turning your backs on it, Before you Disunion stands armed with his axe on it, He flees from our foeman-he leaves the vile Saxon it ! -

The sway upon earth and life divine!

In the name of the Highest-these counsels I speak then forth ;
For your sake-for sake of our bleeding land ;-
Return to the fold, nor its mild orders break henceforth,
Lest on your brows be imprinted the brand.
0 retarn and turn quickly!-we've but a short life of it, This sorrowful wrath, sure the Low'r World is rife with it, What fools 'mong their friends would make one scene of strife of it,
Life to your GOD and for Liberty stand!

## THE MELODIOUS LITTLE CUCK00. ${ }^{1}$

'Tis night by night I sink in gloom !
Dim shadows around my sad heart loom Since I ve come to love youth's fairest bloom, The pure, the true-souled maiden!

[^12]O Dbla 弓ay reazur mprea弓 ol，



$\mathfrak{Z}$ ท－opleay fuar 弓ay cear ya cóp，





O ѓapm ре realad a b－play pó $\dot{\mathrm{m}}$ о́，

Le zeavyea coma yám a mijódearfór，

 U＇r jeabad bâ muya b－fórpapl lé me！



马ay cop ya lú am’ 弓éaza！





＇Wa pן́cpa a＇r mplya b－epreayy！



Sup ab olc aza rí סéavad！
1 ＂The Land of Youth．＂For descriptions of this beautiful clime the reader is referred to Vol．IV．of Transactions of the Ossianic

0 Dhia ! that we were in the "Tir na n-og,"
Or in streamy glenns where joys disembogue, The suitors and sorrows aforetime in vogue, The scornful tones and saddening sneers, Looks brimming over and over with tears, Some chill, far isle would be laid in !

The sweet voice of birds in leafy trees, Would shed soft songs on the honied breeze,-
'Twere smiling to have such neighbours as these,
And wander with care unladen!
For long, long have I this crushing pain,
In griefs which could no solace obtain
Red Autumu passed-ere it blush again
My head shall rest 'neath the grass so green,
Or I'll win for my bride my bosom's queen, This Hower of Blossoms unfaden!

My father lives and my sistereen,
But they cherish tears, they grieve unseen,
For my strength is fleeting, and pale's my mien,
My arm-no rigour is therein!
Thro' the sinless bird of snowy white,
Whose brow is more fair than the silver bright,
0 'twould shed a ray of beauteons light
In the darkest glenn of mist in the South,
And I'd rather one kiss of her little mouth
Than the honey of Olden Erinn!
Ah! if I die from my white cuckoo,
She never will find a heart so true-
And she will mourn, in a small time, too,
The deed she doth is so cruel,

Society; the Voyage of St. Brendan, by D. F. M•Carthy, and the radiant romances of my talented friend, "Feardana," of the Nation.
-Eb.


Cbpobpainy rocapace do $5_{\text {an }}^{\text {cáapm, }}$











 Ni papfapy feóplins rfré leaz!

## ant ceardjhel.

 Q'r oolar lepr,


 Da d-eabajpe ayuar cum eapcaprye, M'r clayn ya lópaci áappać, Fa이 Cheapopyel!

1 sty Cafiopepl. This was an article of female apparel, much worn about the middle of the last century, same as hoops are at the present day. About the same time came into vogue the highheeled shoes and bigh-cauled caps, which formed the fashion till

Might I press her to my breast for aye
l'd soothe her sighs in the gleaming gray,
With soft caress and sweet minstrelsy,
For in beanty of mien and mind more fair, 0 , she's worth all the troops of damsels rare,

Who have mansion, gold and jewel !
"If to deceive me once more you try,
I trust not half your bright words, I !
Had I no grass growing misfortune nigh,
Would you sing me then of your true love?"
"I've never loved your grass nor kine,
But your own dear self, 0 maid divine!
And now farewell! my blessing be thine-
0 bird of the wood! you have grieved me keen,
Had I every spot where grass grows green
I'd ask for no farthing with you, love !"

## THE CARDINEL. ${ }^{2}$

My heart is full of gall, to-night, And sorrows swell ;
To see what changes fall, a blight On hill and dell;
Kindly clanns and valorous
Are sinking poor and dolorous, And crafty clanns look tall o'er us In the Cardinel!
about the year 1800 or a little later, when they gave way to a more becoming and tasteful mode of female attire.--J. O'D.

2 This, the cardinel cloak, was a "new-fangled" kind of mantle for the female sex; I think the word should be written cardinal, but not being deeply versed in millinery, I prefer retaining the original Celtic orthography so far.-Er.


 Le fájaplla ay bpejé；

てa fille fior a mglaraynajb，
Le fuapma 5 －cıny a万 eacerapad，


Ir é дедп Såb Ni Chȧarィ， ＇Зur $\mathfrak{A}_{\text {pne }}$ lent；
Nj’l rioda ajujny ya fatrionea， Sir $5^{\text {entir }} 50$ m－befó；
lopfamajo ay jeabaple，
⿹勹口
 Do＇y Cbearopyel！
$2 \mathfrak{m a z a j n ~ y a ́ ~ b j ~ y - c a p r a t o l y o m , ~}$ Ní cólı our a beit；
 U＇r fabialear leir，


 Dho＇y Cbeapropel！

21）allać ФDérya b－éajalre， ＇Say Pbafa leir；
 $\mathfrak{2 l}$ Cbeapдииеl！
Na leayfad do ya faproynea，
Do bjoć aŋ 万ać reayabeay，
 $\mathfrak{A}^{\prime}$ r caba lepr．

${ }^{1}$ This has been latinized Sabia, (it is pronounced Sive).
2 The mother, it seems, would not agree to the selling of the goond potatoes, so they devise another method of raising the funds.-Er.

Fиȧ mo с́мoló a'r m'a15ye,
Dho'y Cbeapiopel!



Ba cormúl i le b-anyrpıona,
Do buaplear ár oo leajar $\mathfrak{1}$,
2urlapyaplepre!

## 




Fajpizioe 50 olúj
$2 \mathfrak{n}$-aice licí ay ćánl,

Cpearjapajo ya búpr'r epaċajo,







Do slijie bunorçonv,




$\mathfrak{Z c ̇ t}$ ay opreat le mynol,


[^13]My bearty curse and loathing tear The ugly shell!
Since I saw a lag this clothing wear It Glen-flesk's dell.
My heart leapt up in sudden wrath, She looked an old ghost on my path, I struck-she got a muddy bath In her Cardinel!

## GRASP MANDS!

Willtam mac curtin of doon sang.
Be your hands, Irish clanns, with each brother's onited, And hurra! on the goal of our labours we've lighted!

So stand on your guard,
O'er your country keep ward,
Let none be enslaved or affrighted!
One bold blow will soon end the matter, Dash down your harsh foeman and shatter ;

Tho' long was your slav'ry
Great was your brav'ry,
And the spoilers of homes we will scatter!
Believe not, geod friends! that 'tis treason
Of the world and its changes to reason,
We've far better canse
To name thus the vile laws
They impose without justice or reason !
They blaspheme the high might of Lord Jesus,
Who loves us-who guards us-who frees us
Full soon from their guile,
And they basely revile
Sweet Mary, the purest who sees as!

##   Ba ćalma ay zú́p， 

马o b－aċamatn úmal ba b－ғéaćapm，
 S Ćoyacta ${ }^{7}$ ayy rúo ap répoe， O jolr pa m－Bo or $^{8}$ ， So Dopre ${ }^{\text {n }}$ ）\＆reól， Muapr cluppajoir jeopr a rbealea！

 No af ay 万－cuaj丘り bipy，
Do bí as labaple ray 5 －colll，









Sun atcor 弓ay aobyear，
弓ay cead aco rulje aflay o－céapma，
1 Invasion．Want of self－reliance is the never－failing charac－ teristic of the Irish．In the chief part of the compositions of the last century，Spain and France are invoked for assistance to rid lreland of English dominion；but these great powers，although France made two or three efforts，and Spain one，only smile at the folly of a people divided among themselves，and lack courage when the opportunity presents itself．－J．OD．

2 Foonn これaja，Ventry Harbour in Kerry．
8 beaphi，Berehaven，the bay of which the poet points out as a safe landing place．
（1）unsp，Munster．The poet calls to mind the victories

If Spain of her arm'd men should spare a
Battalion to Ventry or Béarra, How Munster would shout, How her swords would leap out
With the gallant O'Neill' and Clan Biorra !
Right gladly would brave Connacht lead them,
And drain all her vallies to speed them ;
From Innis na m-bo ${ }^{11}$
To Derry would flow
The conquering billow of Freedom !
All know by the light stars have given, By the clouds o'er the sun which were driven,

By the cuckoo's sweet song
Speaking green woods among,
By the flame that hath flashed in high heaven, That of kings ws shall soon have a changer In our chief's heir so long a world-ranger.

0 , 'tis time that he come,
To his Land-to his home,
And our welcome is warm for that Stranger.
The Saxons so sensual and greedy,
Full of riches and gold-yet still needy,
Living all for this world,
From this Land shall be hurled
With a thundering shock and a speedy!
obtained by Ceallaćan Charrl against the Danes.by bman bonopine at Clontarf, and by Sarsfield at Ballyneeta, over the Williamite troops, in 1690.-J. O'D.
${ }^{5} \mathrm{Fin}$ bhrorns, the men of Birr.
${ }^{6}$ Hipléll. The Ultonian chiefs of that name are referred to here.
${ }^{2}$ Compacea, Comnanghat.
${ }^{8} 10 \mathrm{~m} \boldsymbol{1}$ r, i.e. Inis-Bofin.
9 Doine na réol, Londonderry.
10 Seamur. This is James II. the most dastardly poltroon that ever set foot on Irish ground. He lost Ireland at the Boyne rather than leave his daughter, who was married to Willian, a widow, just as if she could not get another husband among the Irish chiefs to replace the old Latavian veteran.-J. O'D.

11 Pronounced Innish namo, i.e. the isle of the cows (possibly 1mpit na m-bu flont, the isle of the fair cow.-Er.


＇S clayya mic 2ujlead， $\mathfrak{U}$ b－ғеарау a rivreap，


## UルLLJ2れ）JN5LJS ${ }^{1}$ RO CbIt（1740）．


＇Sir eólac oam 1 ，
Jr efiom a fole，ir parinap a prory
Jr modal＇rar＇malreać $\overline{1}$ ．
Le ya méapapb үepyeayy rí，





Réaleay eólupr， $\mathfrak{z r}$ 甲ay aq bózár，

Wíl clay yj́，clear ya choje



てa b－oŋ－ $\mathfrak{q}$ оle bíclac bay，
（）čnóry a cpyy 30 rapl，


${ }^{1}$ For an account of William English，see Poets and Poetry of Munster，first series，p 27，Litrioduction．

While the sun-flame above us burns ever,
While water fills ocean and river,
Our green Father's-land
Shall no more bear the brand,
And a tyrant shall enter it-never.!

## THE ENILE'S FLOWER OF LOVE.

## BI WILLIAM ENGLISE.

A maiden I did see
In this pleasant counteric, With tresses bright, with looks of light, All beauteous grace is she!

She strikes the soft harp's notes
And her voice most sweetly floats,
My woe! my loss! I may not cross
With her, the brine of boats.
A stately maid, I've seen,
Of all brave youths the queen,
Our star of Love, our sun above,
Our blithesome, gold baibin.2
Her heart's a very shrine
Of qualities divine,
My loss! my woe!'twere joy to ga
With her across the brine!
Her hair of curling gold
That to the grass is rolled,
Doth make us move where'er she rove, As to sails the breezes hold.
${ }^{2}$ Pron. ban-been. an affectionate diminutive, " my little buby." 3

Le ya bélfin bïny，zapr，zlat，
＇Sead lé，jeay ri＇y Bjobla a clan，




Nion beas an raojal，daoln fear faoly rpép，

Jr fada péjó mo cuappo，
$\mathfrak{H}_{3}$ éalód lél coir cuapt，

Na yead do déaypad buapre！

Raċadra ayolr a dúv，
Car rajle jlar ya o－zoyy，

Say＇atr－reo 50 búbac！

Réls ayolr an 5 －cйr，


2ha どうım－rı a yuy zap zopm，








With little red lips, bright, She reads, so sweet and right, The Book of Heav'n - where'er I'm riv'n, May HE shield her round with light!

The berry's crimson glows,
Amid her cheeks' pure snows,
0 fair's his life who wins as wife
This brightest flow'r man knows !
$O$ long would be my way
With her by dell and bay,
Were there none behind to weep, or find
Some means their hate to pay.

But now upon the brine
Of barques, is floating mine, And I must leave my love to grieve,

My Flower of Love to pine!
Sweet Virgin! ah, bestow
Some solace on our woe, For, sure, I'd ne'er forsake my dear

White Love, if hence she'd go!

If now I cross the sea,
Yet, soon, I'll turn to thee,
And then thou'lt come,--thou'lt surely come,
And drive this clond from me!

Soon, soon, I'll guide unseen,
A poney, swift and keen,
And we will rove from Erinn, love,
My gentle, maiden queeu!

## at aubujbydeat cbeankSa.

13áaralc o'Conchubhalk ro Chilw.。

 Ni plar ya bréas!


 O خ́aplato me ;


 Le 5 rad óa r万épm;

'Sa bpajajo mar jéer;


 Dá rájoze répio.

2 fole jo fion aj feaca riop,

 So b-aluyn 3 yé;
 Q'r ófas mé faon!



## THE GENTLE MAIDEN.

patrick o'connor sang.
Are:-" Cashel of Munster."
My heart is o'erladen
With trouble and care,
For love of a maiden Sweet, gentle, and fair?
I've strayed among strangers Full many lands o'er, But the peer of that dear one I ne'er met before!

Her beanty so rare is
That love her I must,
The snow not so fair is, And swan-like's her breast?
And her word's gentle measure Rings twnefully clear,
o, it wounds me with pleasure The voice of my dear!

Her yellow hair streaming
Soft-curling and free,
Like liquid gold gleaming
Is beauteous to see;
The sweet smile of her glances
So joyous and bright,
All my reason entrances
With love and delight.

24 mala capal án a b－́́aday caopd， Fuapr bapr eap bépb；




 Beay Pbarár Pbitam！

2 leaban－
＇Sir fapyneac rép；

le banqu a méap，
Ceapca frajoj，alad aplyj， Jr clóo 3 à épı，
 D’ł́as mé a b－pépn．
 $2)_{\text {グ a a }} 5$－cépy！











Sun 5 ィんд leã me
 Зo bqıí leo ذ̇yé．

Her pure brow most fair is
Mid maids young and meek,
The snow-circled berries
But shadow her cheek!
Her breast has the whiteness
That thorn-blossoms bore,
0 , she shames all the brightness
Of Helen of yore!

Her soft, queenly fingers Are skilful as fair,
While she gracefully lingers
0'er broideries rare.
The swan and the heath hen,
Bird, blossom, and leaf,
Are shaped by this sweet maid
Who left me in grief!

Tho' long proud and stately
From women afar,
And 'mid chiefs strong and great, lay
My revel and war,
Yet, humbled I yield me
To this gentle maid,
For travel can't shield me
Nor sweet music aid!

Then, dear one! since Heaven
Did guide thee to me,
And since all see me given
In love-bonds to thee,
And that pledged from this hour
I am thine evermore,
0 , cursed be the power
That would part us, a stor!


 OChlaft 50 lépm！
 Capr râl a $5^{\text {－cépy，}}$
 はちur rlay leã fép！

## seajnat o＇qjázue。



Wion jéelljor Mám do páȯe， File，falj，14 thaol；

Bbévar b̆eás map mbsol：－ Nó zo b－facad péaplad ay bapy－cyepf．




Nion jépllior zup repopat neamisa，

Zċe corfólи peacad 2りhamop， $\mathfrak{A}$＇r fann ealr o＇aprieólı díb；
2）of
2lyoir ir pádze fion；


 smith by profession，and resided at Knockadoon in the parish of BaI－ limacoda．abont four miles to the south－east of Youghal．in the county of Cork．He paid his addresses to a farmer＇s danghter， who was looked upon as the handsomest woman in the parish，and

Sweet maiden! sweet maiden!
My own love, so fair,
Since far this is spreading
From Leim unto Clare
0 , fly with me kindly,
O'er ocean's wild swell,
Or give me thy blessing,
And love fare thee well!

## SEAAN ${ }^{2}$ O'DEE.

PIERSE FITZGERALD SANG.
I ne'er believed the story
Prophetic bard! you sung;
How Vulcan, swarth and hoary,
Won Venus fair and young,
Till I saw my Pearl of Whiteness
By kindred forced to be,
In her robes of snowy brightness,
The bride of Seaan O'Dee!
I ne'er thought God, the Holy, A bridal would allow,
Where Mammon spurs them solely
To crown her drooping brow.
"The Richest weds the Rarest,"
That truth, alas! I see
Since my sumy pearl and fairest
Is bride to Seaan O'Dee !
eventually got her parents to consent to their union. much to the astonishment of the surrounding country. Pierse Fitzgerald, the wellknown poet and wag, who resided at Ballykennely, the adjacent townland, and whose house still stands there in fine preservation, took up the subject, and composed these stanzas on the happy occasion.-J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ Pr. Shaur

Dá mo fear man cáà mé,

Do rínfign real map 2itharp lét,


$\mathfrak{U}$ 'r buapy mo flande diom;

2 leabas Sheajay Ui Dhije!

## 2uq́ure Nj 2ululeojn. ${ }^{2}$



Do ̇јockapy 'r da ceanjal leaz,

Racapy fép cium alfyyn lear,




à plúc ya m-bayoz?
Cléas do bejomaolr a déayad any,


a'r bupc ar locia ag lépmead
2'r callind dear le bpéaちad


[^14]Were 1 like most, ere morrow, A dire revenge I'd take, And in his grief and sorrow My burning anguish slake;
For gloom o'ershades my lightnessO, woe's my heart to see Her form of snowy whiteness Embraced by Seaan O'Dee!

## MAIRE NI MILLEOIN.

"Will you come where golden furze I mow Mo Mhaire Ni Milleoin?"
"To bind for you I'll gladly go,
My Bliss on Earth, mine own
" To chapel, too, I would repair!!"
Tho' not to aid my soul in prayer,
But just to gaze with rapture where
You stand, mo b'uac'aill b'an ! ${ }^{3}$
"Will yon rove the garden glades with me, 0 Flower of Maids, alone?"
"What wondrous scenes therein to see, My Bliss on Earth, mine own ?"
"The apples from green boughs to strike,
To watch the trout leap from the lake,
And caress a pretty cailin ${ }^{4}$ like Mo Mhaire Ni Milleoin!
${ }^{3}$ Pr. "Mo vohil vaun," my white or fair youth ; this term is often used as an expression of endearment, See that intensely touching scene in Carleton's "Valentine M•Clutchy," where the widow laments for her youngest son, her "darling "Torlach, her white-headed boy."-Er.
${ }^{4}$ Pr. " colleen," a young girl.-Er.





Ha mplrempio jallon ro，

24 戸lúp ロa m－bavo弓！
Thuち mé cum aŋ चeampall 1

Cbuち mé cum ay teampuill 1 ，
2Vo с́peac！！mo mple bpór！
Do íaphajg5 mé mo rjian amace，

弓o barp pall a brō！

Cliéno é riv ra rú déayad

Cliéad é riv ra rú ס́éayá

léts m＇anam lyom oo＇y r5rib reo，
 Jo rimbalfad ya reaćo piojacion， leo＇learb beaz oz！

Do 兀̇u弓 mé aŋ ay móy， 1 ，
Plúlı ya m－bay óz；


Bhиapm mé ذjom mo ċóra，
 Q＇r o＇éaloló mé ayyr av 5 －ceó，

"Will you seek with me the dim church aisle, O Maire Ni Milleoin ?"
"What pleasant scenes to see, the while, My Bliss on Earth, mine own ?"
'We'd list the chanting voice and pray'r Of foreign pastor, preaching there, O, we'd, finish the marriage with my fair White flow'r of maids alone !"

She sought the dim church aisle with me,
My Bliss on Earth, most fair !
She sought the dim church aisle with me, O, grief! O, burning care!
I plunged my glitt'ring, keen-edged biade
In the bosom of that loving maid,
Till gushed her heart's blood, warm and red
Down on the cold gromnd there!
"Alas! what deed is this you do, My Bliss on Earth, mo stor ! ${ }^{1}$
What woeful deed is this you do, $O$ youth whom $I$ adore!
Ah! spare our child and me, my love, And the seven lands of Earth I'll rove,
Ere cause of grief to you I prove For ever-ever more!"

I bore her to the mountain peak, The Flower of Maids, so lone!
I bore her to the mountain bleak, My thousand woes! mo b'ron! ${ }^{2}$
I cast my cota round her there
And, mid the murky mists of air, I fled, with bleeding feet and bare, From Maire Ni Milleoin!

## 


a paoprár mé am aoyap,
Coir eapob Fohlearza ay jomoria,





Do ćéar mé 'roo mejll!
Le raijeadajb oa lépricup,


le ojospuap oo'y púaleav,

Lícir ajur caopa,

Зо fiocimap ya répin-leacapy jiryy:
Ha cip miona, déad-ćaplce,
B'fir dear a m-bealeapa,


亏av) claoćlós apa a clj́,
Zajib ár a b-aol-ćpob,


Bupдe-ćapod péaplać,

${ }^{1}$ The O'Herlihies, from whom our poet descended, were chiefs of a district in the barony of Muskerry, county of Cork, and were hereditary wardens of the church of St. Gobnait, at Ballyvourney, in that county. In the notes to Connellan's edition of the Four

## THEY ARE COMING!

DAVID O'HERLIHY SANG。

The eve-dews were weeping,
And by Flesg I lay sleeping 'Neath the green leafy boughs of the wood,

Till I heard sweeter singing
Than bird's song or harp's ringing,
And beside me a bright damsel stood.
0 Love tarried nigh her, On my peace making war
With his arrows of fire, Till my heart did unbar,
Till he left me a capture
To wild-throbbing rapture
In the ray of that bright-beaming star !

The Lily of whiteness,
The Berry of brightness,
In hot combat her fair cheek contest ;
Her teeth seem'd the rarest,
Her small rose-lips fairest,
And her blue eyes made heaven their guest!
Her bosom, soft beaming,
Was snowy and free.
Her neck was, in seeming,
The swan on the sea;
Her hair bright and pearly
Fell in golden curls, fairly
To her small, twinkling feet on the lea !

Masters (p. 199) many interesting details concerning this family will be found. Smith (see Antient and Present State of Cork, Vol. I. p. 193, ed. 1750), says, that Ballyvourney means the town of the beloyed; and that the church is dedicated to St. Gounate,

Ba ̇upreac me am sam-rppear,
Sup rmuapqear zpém' yéalzapb,


Le púg-reapc oo'y péaleay,
Fl lúb colle aonać 5ay zeimeal:-
Do bílonynas o Phoebur,

2l’r lomprad ba jóeajać,

Bи斤 lonnpaд o'v b-péaplad,
Зо д-т осадо́ mac Shéamalr ;
Say ćúneam fá répm ċeap: ya mijeace!

Bhí ronn-frpozal béfe,
Colp abayy ayyr aly y5aolica,




Sjúbal riovidaj a a raozap,






said to be a daiaghter of O'Connor Sligo, who in the sixth century was made abbess of a nunnery of regular canonesses there, br- St. Abban; of whom there were two, whose festivals are celeGr.ated on the 16th of Narch and 27 th of October. David O'Herlihy the poet resided at Gilentesk, where some of the family still live. His great grandson, Mr. Patrick OHerlihy of Bally vouraey, is the only bardic representative of the family now living that we are aware of.——J. O'D.

My heart had been teeming
With grief, for in dreaming
Y had deeant of the world and its guile.
But my waking was splendid!
My Love-star had descended
Mid the green, leafy wood of the isle !
The sun-sheen pou'd light on Each bough of each tree,
The sun-sheen fell bright on Each grass-tip in glee,
And my Pearl's sheen was streaming
With such brilliance of beaming
That her sway fell resistless on me.

Where that river rejoices
Float the gods' divine voices, ${ }^{\text {b }}$
And the birds' mellow music riags clear,
Each branch is fruit-bended
O'er fish gleaming splendid,
There is honey in mossy banks near.
Then hither hares peeping
'Mid frisking goats stare,
Then foxes came creeping A-forth from their lair ;
0 , all beasts came in gladuess,
For her roice would chase sadness, Would bring joy to the children of Care! ${ }^{2}$

[^15]Jr búc，blaroa，béaraci，



Cbúzá le rjéalea，
2ućánzar va laoc meap，
Do túntajo le zpémpe rap zopn ；
Jur rázac ć


＇円a raon－baןlejb rjó̈ać，

＇Wa y－búċar zay eclipr，
2t＇r bpueat亏 av béapla 5 ay bpifí！



Зо fpoty fleaらać féardać，




Sloce Shacpapy ya 5 －claon beapr， Wa zéfleand do Cbriore；
 Ni dúbaci lyom a rgéalea， Jaylyunca，弓ay féapoa，弓ay fion！

With sweet tones, so holy,
She spake to me, lowly,
Saying :—" $I$ am thy Eire, thy love!
I bring thee a story
Of gladness-of glory-
Of rapture, all rapture above !
For Freedom sails over
The soft-smiling wave,
Sword-girt is each lover, They are coming-The Brave!
Thy clergy turn foam-ward,
Thy song-clanns ${ }^{1}$ rush homeward
To the chace of the brute British knave!
"To the land of their fathers
The Gaelic race gathers,
And Heaven itself is their guide!
Their troops, hence victorious,
March many and glorious,
Our true-hearted chiefs by their side.
Far kings in alliance
Are bound to come o'er,
And sternest defiance, Rue, terror, and gore,
Shall smite down the slavish,
Shall shatter the knavish,
And drive the foul fiends from our shore."
${ }^{1}$ The Irish means literally ;-"The Order of Melody."

## 5RJMN BAN E,JRJONH.


Jr oúbać znopm faol pंépy,



Ní yár lyng béré efrérí


Do'v $\mathfrak{A c}$ apin-ċlapy zo lépr!
'Sí 17 blaici-дíreać де́aд,



 Chuち rbit daol aft aol,



Jr é dinpríjear mé óm déal,





#### Abstract

1 Andrew M•Curtin composed this poem, for a young lady named Dorah Power, daughter to a Mr. Power of Clonmult, county of Cork, the greatest beanty of her day, and, apparently, the theme of the Munster bards, from the numerous son : written in her praise. He was a native of Clare, and flourished about the year 1740 , and led a wandering sort of life, which he devoted to the muses, as the numerous songs and poems, which he


# THE SUN OF ERINN'S MAIDENS. 

ANDRIAS MAC CUIRTIN SANG.
'Tis dark I long have been, With sorrow-shaded mien, Thro' true-love for you, love, My stately, stainless queen.

And, in truth, 'tis no disgrace To be love-sick from your face, 'Tis the fairest-the rarest, Ever seen of Adam's race!

Thy little teeth to me Seem the pearlets of Tralee, And thy white breasts the bright breasts Of swans upon the sea

No hand has toucht their glow, Nor yet thy neck of snow, But their gladness brings sadness

To me and bitter woe!

For I'm driven from my rest, Ere the birds forsake the nest, Thinking ever,-I'll be never Worth the Beautiful and Best.
has left behind, testify. The family of the Mr Curtins, of whom he and Iloo $\mathfrak{b u j e}$ were the most celebrated, were of a yellowish complexion, and to this the poet alludes in the eleventh stanza, where he says, "C п пас fonn me ace bujoe," although I am not fair but yellow," \&c.. See also O'Reilly's Irish Writers.-J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ Here the poet probably alludes to the rock crystal, or "Kerry Diamond," abundantly found on the shore about Dingle -J. O'D.


 No a múquíapo ya réa!



Jr búc binda béal.



Na 5 yúr $\begin{aligned} \text { jupp map aol! }\end{aligned}$

Ba rám lyy ay raojal,


Hion car lyny lem' pae,


Doóy bar cíjeaće yár yђrop!


#### Abstract

${ }^{1}$ Dún bao. Dunboy. The castle of Dunbaoi, or Dunboy, in the county of Cork, one of the strongholds of the O'Sullivan's Beare, during the Elizabethan wars in Ireland In the Pacata Hibernia, Ed. 1632, Lib. 3, ch. 3, it is stated in a letter from the Lord President of Munster, that Don Juan de Aquila, General of the Spanish army, was forcibly detained by Donnell O'Sullivan in his castle of Dunboy, there to serve him as cannoneer; but the Lord President, in order to induce the Spanish General to relinquish the O'Sullivans, and the Irish cause, offered him and his party honorable terms-even ships to send them back to Spain. On the 4th of May, it is recorded (p. 293 , idem) that a bard or rimer named "O'dalie was convented (convicted?) before the Lord President and Councell, and in regard it was proved that bee came from the rebels, with messages and offers to Owen O'Sul-


And in lonely grief I pine That the damsel is not mine, 'Mid green vallies-in a palace, With the walls of jewels fine!

Ne'er did maid so beanteons grow, For her charms unfading glow, And Delight lies in her bright eyes, And her voice is music low !

Then what fair and graceful mien, Has my stately, stainless queen!
And the berry on her merry
Laughing, lily-cheek is seen.
0 great King! it were indeed
A most pleasant life to lead,
'Mong the grasses of my lassie's
Little garden, as a weed!
No other bliss I'd crave
Than to live her very slave,
Never wishing for remission
Till I'd sink into the grave.
ivan, to adhere and combine with the Enemy, which the said Ocen did tirst reveall to Captaine Flower, Sergeant Major of the Army, and after publikely justified it to O'dalie's face; the said $O$ daly was committed to attend his tryall at the next Sessions." "This O'dalie's Ancestor had the county of Moynterbary given unto him by the Lord President's Ancestor, many hundred yeares past. at which time Carew had to his inheritance the moity of the whole kingdome of Corke, which was first given by King Henry the second unto Robert fits Stepherr. The service which O'dalie and his Progenie were to doe, for so large a proportion of Lands, unto Carew and his Successors, was (according to the custome of that time) to bee their Rimers, or Chroniclers of their actions." For a further account of the castle of Dunboy, see Historia Catholice Ibernice, Dub. ed. (1850) lib. 7, c. 3, and Smith's Cork, vol. 2, p. 87.-J. O'D.

Ni ćpobnapy ful Cbriore．



21 múpropy

 Le lúprint fo íni！
 Зぃс си́





le гцú buøঠesc map rıu！

## 2l CROJDbe CRタ́lDDVてE．

Ulution suhlC COIClR RO Chitr．

Jr ทeari－fonи a 5 －сойииде ；



> I Cunzagr Chriblije, the Countess of Tratee. This was doubtless a Countess of Desmond. One of the Four Castles of Tralee was the chief seat of the Earls of Desmond-Smith's Kerry, 162. It was called the Great Castle by way of eminence. It was the birthplace of Thomas a Nappah, progenitor of the noble houses of Kildare and Desmond. Sixteen Earls of Desmond held this as their chief stronghold. It is traditionally recorded among the Munster
'Tis my grief that I'm not fair, For how many like me were, With hopes crumbled, sad and humbled, Thro' this horrid sandy hair !
But, love ! gently think on me, Mind the Countess of Tralee, How she married, -yea! she carried Her dear cripple, forced to flee!
And tho' priceless is each tress Of your cuilionn's ${ }^{2}$ loveliness, Tho' the Munster men can't once stir When they've seen thy peerless face,
You'd gain little fame to try ('Tis not worthy one so high) To be parted, or hard-hearted, With so lorn a youth as I!

## THE DROOPING HEART.

## WILLIAM MAC COTTER SANG.

A cloud shades my soul
And my heart droops in dole, Thro' each soft dewy dawning,

And eve's crimson air,
peasantry that there was once a countess who, having accidentally met a cripple at a country fair, fell deeply in love with him, and eloping from her husband, carried the cripple on her back through the kingdom for the space of seven years, but after that returned to her home.-J. O'D.
${ }_{2}$ Pr. Cooliun, i.e. fair long hair ; it is also used to signify a maiden, or formerly a young man.-Er.
 D＇úprojoi ya yjnopoal， Playn leayba ay ćapm cialce，


 Jr ca rī va b－jvvepviv，

Córí b－jozupl le b－éay．
Jr milre $\ddagger$ ar a béal，
Ha céprár mil Зhpéaz，
Wa beofr ya reay daolye，
＇Sya fionea 5 ay bréaち！
Ca cuaća alı ay m－béfí，
Do buapleayy ay féar， Ulca búclá á 5 aci puapye，


 ＇S péaplaj̇e ya cluara， Slar－aainge le jrépy．
Da b－ғо́ү阝apy fép lét， 2）aŋ muadćap rav ySrét Jnずion Rī Séolnre，
＇Say च－ór úo 50 lépr！
 Naŋ copr dam jabapl lép， O＇y notion do ̇́ojbar． O fósar al bépic．
Ni beav do bi uapm，

 Na m－bみaipa bןy ruaprc．

With love for the white Dear flower of delight, With love for the maid of The fair-flowing hair !

For her mind is a dove, And the hands of my love Are more sunny and soft than The snowy sea-foam,

And her lips far more sweet, More red-oh, more meet, Than the wine, or the old mead Or Greek ${ }^{1}$ honey comb!

To the dew-drops flow down
Her thick curls golden-brown, Her bright cheeks !-scarce the berries That crimsonly burn,
Their radiance can peer !
While each small pearl-like ear
Doth a starry-bright emerald
Pendant adorn!
Over earth far and wide Could I choose me a bride, And wed a rich daughter Of royalty's line,

Thro' my life she could be
But a sorrow to me,
For the flower of fair maids has
This poor heart of mine!
Sure I want not a spouse
For the horns on her cows,
And the Peerless of Pearls is
More precions than leaves!
${ }^{1}$ The honey of Hymettus.

Nj’lan fant le fásayl
Sayb－Frajuc ya ray Sbámy，
 2a b－peapla ay ćal bapp！

Le caol peann an clatu，
 $\mathfrak{M}_{\text {r }}$ 亢́adaća frár．
Dá paćatme lem＇rór， Faol colll uaizyead ya 5 －cıó， Nō an ain $\mathfrak{t}$ ）aol




＇S a flúp ya m－bay óす。
2yo óreac̀ a＇r mo léan！
Nać homay ajurl 50 lépr，
Jr о үад 50 m－buafleany ré， $\mathcal{B}_{\text {fuać }}$ Loća Lép $\boldsymbol{y}^{1}$ ！
Do jeabapin ruapinyear óv b－pe pin，

Le reualue an poirs uaitine，${ }^{3}$

${ }^{1}$ The ancient name for the Lakes of Killarney．
2 Pron．＂Stor－yeen．＂
${ }^{3}$ Rorro uaine，green eyes．The reader may perhaps be surprised at this colour being esteemed beautiful by the Irish poet，and sneer at the epithet if there be any west－britonism，which is synonymous with presumptuous ignorance，in his mind．There are two Irish words which the poverty of the English language can only translate with one：these are 5 lar and waitine，which are rendered as＂green，＂ but they express two very different shades of that colour，both of which may be observed in the eyes of various individuals．The second word used by this bard is perhaps best translated by the fol－
That pure Star of LoveDraws chieftains to rove,High chieftains and lords fromThe lands of the vine;
And to accents of fire,Rings the sweet-sounding wire,As they pour forth their love forThis Pearla divine!
If see her I could
In some lone nutty wood,Or on hill, 'mid dawn-odors,When light mists up-roll,
My love I'd reveal,And a soft kiss l'd steal,From this bright-beaming star-fromThis Flower of my soul !
My wounding! my grief!Of these vales I'm not chief-Were the lands to Loch Lein'sPleasant waters my own,
I'd have life, long in days,
Gay joy without haze,
For that green-eyed stoirin ${ }^{2}$ wouldOn me be bestown!
lowing extract from Longfellow's $S_{p}$ paish Student. These quotationsalso demonstrate that a similar apprehension and appreciation ofthe Beautiful exist in Erinn, Spain, and Italy, and may be acceptedas a slight but sure indication of that co-sunguinity of the intabi-tants of these Lands for which some historians have contended.

Yicroriax.-" How is that young and green-eyed Gaditana That you both wot of?"
Don Carlos. "Ay, soft emerald eyes!"
Yictorran.— * * "A pretty girl; and in her tender eyesJust that soft shade of grcen we sometimes seeIn evening sties"broun-green. and I have observed among the peasantry of Munster

Sbiar coir ya eraj̇a,
 Jr ble 1 yáy ryeacia, 'S yày

Do ćupr ya céadza cum bafr,
 Zo o-z1518 rí rlay!

2l) о с́reà 'r mo díi,

le b-uprearbad mo 户lapze,

 Do papajo me'm ćpojde ; 'S o'tas mire lan-las

individuals possessing this dark-green hue. The Spaniards have long admired and celebrated this colour in many a Villancico, ex. :-
"Ay, ojuelos verdes
Ay los mis ojuelos
Ay hagan los cielos
Que ce min te acuerdes !
Tenge confianza
De mis verdes ojos."-Bohl de Faber.

Far west, by the shore, Lives the love I adore, She's more bright than the silverMore white than the snow!

She's the star shining sure, She's the flower blooming pure ! 0 thon, sweet Virgin Mother!

Keep-keep her from woe!
My wounding! my loss ! I lie low 'neath my cross, While health fleeth from me, Come pallor and gloom;

For a weary heart knows No cure for its woes, But my cure that comes swiftly, The rest of the tomb!

Dante speaks of Beatrice's eyes as emeralds: Purgat. xxvi. Lami says in his Annotazioni:-"Erano i suōi occhi d'un turchino rerdiccio, simile a quel del mare." For a short essay on this interesting subject see "The Harp Magazine," No. IV.-Er.

## AN CaOLEMCb RUMDb.

Fonn:-Rórrín Фub.


Hion b-pada bjop ap leaba am lujee,


$\mathfrak{A}_{\boldsymbol{\prime}}$ ćaol eac puas?





## THE SLIGHT RED STEED.

Air:-" Roisin Dubh."
This song is known about Carrick-on-Suir by the name of the Caol esc must, or slender red steed; but in the County of Cork it receives the title of an barmac 5 rope, the Valiant Barry. It is one of those soul-stirring effusions written during the troublous times of Ninety-Eight,-unfortunately we cannot trace the writer's name. It is written to that beautiful old air the Rórity Oub, i.e., black-haired little Rosa, another of those allegorical names which the penal laws compelled our bards to call Ireland. There are two versions of the original song at p. 210 of the first series of the Munster Poets, to which we would refer the curions reader.

To narrow minds there is nothing can palliate errors but success. These are they who join in the bray against the ancient Irish, saying, "They were always fighting among themselves-they were half savages." This accusation they never speak against England, (where it would be true), because England has had success. The disembowelling, the burning alive, the quartering, the impaling of heads, the torment of the torture, the rebelling against, the disfigurement, blinding, and murder of kinsmen by kingly kinsmen, are all overlooked because England has had success! These barbarities were not known among the Irish; the Brehon laws prove their " most delicate sense of justice," and yet the ignorant and lying are to be seen spewing out their foul and slanderous lies against them. These are they who, on reading that some battles in ' 98 were lost by drink, will immediately accuse the Irish of having been drunkards. They have not ability to examine the question, and to observe that in the case of half-famished men a very moderate amount of liquor will produce inebriety.-Er.

> I slept when-0 wonder ! Dread sounds precede, And thro' south-clouds ${ }^{1}$ in thander Burst a knight and steed!
> 6' What-bard ! dost thou slumber, Or hast thou life?

Rease, rouse-lo, our namber Is armed for strife !"
${ }^{1}$ Aid_was then expected from the South, i.e., France.

Do jlac mé bjoдzar，zере，＇r ljonad， Zqém＇yéalea ruap！；
＇S oob＇fada bi mé zay focal capje， Do béaŋfajyy uapm；




Jonár lyore do bj dáad mile，

Do ćlayna 2ujlead fool apm liomita， ＇S 1 do déayea ruar；
Do flafpajうeara jo zafad djob ray， Cá pojcead pla cuan；
Nó a m－begó Sall a o－zalam plyreap，

 Na maprue a bét；


 Do＇y reaz a yép，
 ＇S 50 m －bego ay la le Saolojepl．
 Ba bpeáち ay r马éal！








> I sprung pale and affrighted In my visioned dream, All voiceless, benighted I long time seem.

The sweat-drops rolled under, By terror freed, And my soul went in wonder On the Slight Red Steed!

Soon, thousands of warriors We stood among,
In a lios ${ }^{2}$-armed barriers 'Gainst Grief and Wrong !
Then queried I, sudden, That brave, bright band,
"Should the Gael aye be trodden In their Fathers' Land?"

A response of great glory Rolled back to me,
By my hand ! 'twas a story Of rapturous glee!
For the vile clans of London -
They now must quail,
And be shattered and undone Before the Gael.

What gladness for Ireland! What a day for all!
When in freedom-crown'd sireland We've hill and hall.
When each gay, dewy morning Our troops a-horse
Shall gaze down in scorning On the Saxon corse!
${ }^{2}$ lyor-A fortified place. The remains of liosa are plentifully scattered over this country, and are now popularly supposed to be inhabited by the fairies. The slight, red steed is not a new acquaintance to adepts in Irish Mythologe, and may probably be ranked as of the same species with the Duca.-Er.

Do Ђlac mé foyn ċum bul a yuyy,
Zap raple a 5 -cép! !





Óy Mamay, mo léay!


Dȧ̇a mile do afm liomía,
Fan lan yeane pleap;


 le oúl pal m-bpaor!
 'Nuapr bí áj car da j jépó;




Jr míjo sújpye fearea márjajle
Nóeáy daza ár remae!
1 Ror $\dot{m} 1 \mathrm{c}$ こreoly, New Ross, in the county of Wexford, where the United Irishmen suffered the last and final defeat through the baneful influence of whiskey. See note to "Sliar na man" in this book.-J. O'D.
Then longed I with yearning To cross the wave, And haste the returning Of our exiled Brare. To tell :-" Tho' the foemen Rule our cities through, Our hearts unto no men But them are true."
'Twas Ross, ah my sickness!
That crusht the Gael.
On our serried rank's thickness
Hailed war's wild hail.
Back we hurled it, and spoiled, too,
Their courage at morn,
But our brav'ry was foiled thro'
The drink of scorn.

Long Munster did slumber
When her help was worth,
Tho' Ulster's brave number
Did call her forth.
Hear God's voice of thunder,
Thus our saints speak alike,
"' 'Tis time now to Sunder
From sleep, And strike!"

2 2tumapr, Munster. Here again my native province is upbraided for her inactivity, in forgetfulness that she had given the Sheares's and others to the cause, whilst the Ultonians are lauded for the effort they made to liberate their native land.-J. O'D.

## 2N CyR2OjByjn 210jByJNh．

Seathan o＇culwheatann ro Chatw．


 So zapa meap day a 5 －çay le yámajo，



 reanfad，

Ca 2lba reaallea 5 －claab le b－aでur，



Clayda da remapad d，japrad raram，








万r aje ay rulz a leabad Bbing，a b－fopaojb amoa，


[^16]
# THE CRAOIBHIN AOIBHINN. <br> JOHN CUNNINGHAM SANG. <br> AIr:-"Craoibhin Aoibhin Aluinn Oq." ${ }^{7}$ 

O, henceforth raise the song of rapture
Sing how our heroes' actions glow!
Afar, the foeman has fall'n their capture!
Their flaming swords laid thousands low.
They'll stay not now for shield nor banner,
Till crusht the foe of black dishonour,
Till they've freed for ever from the foes that ban her
Mo chraoibhin, aoibhin, aluinn og!
Brare Albas girds her loins in gladness,
Calling for vengeance on the foe;
She smiles to think of his jelling madness
When chased through Fergus-land he'll go.
She cries "Revenge upon those vile hands
Which tracked the brave stag of the Highlands."
O, soon he'll come unto these Islands-
To craoibhin, aoibhin, aluinn og!
Our poet priest and holy friars
Once more in Conn's-lands faith will sow;
They'll twine joy's roses instead of briars,
Most pure, celestial lives they'll show.
For Hawk's troops now are strewn and sunder'd,
Defeat and shame o'er foes have thunder'd,
And the knaves hang high who long have plundered
Mo cliraoibhin aoibhin, aluinn og!
${ }^{3}$ This is Conn of the Hundred Battles.
${ }^{6}$ h-acach, Lord Hawk, the English naval commander who fought against the French.
${ }^{7}$ Pronounced " mo chreevin, eevin, aulin o!" It symbolizes our Native Land, and means literally "my little-bough pleasant, beauteous, young ;" this expression being applicable to a youthful maiden as "scion" is used in English to designate a descendant. - Er.
${ }^{8}$ Scotland.




Do béap féprojol mapi uapm do láajp,

 Сеаррияс, ${ }^{1}$
'S ir cugbe ay zyiom dion ceapre d'pazal cum万leá!

## 








Na fásfad me faol bpóy!

Leat uapr beas nomin la;
'S bajpfió cínear cruajo дjot,

${ }^{1}$ Comall Cearmalj, Enight of the Red Branch. The history of this hero will be found in the Cajn bó Chuaplsne, now preparing for publication by the Ossianic Society.
${ }^{2}$ This song is the effusion of an artless country girl to an unfaithful swain, and is characterised by that simplicity of style and language peculiar to the humbler classes of the Irish peasantry. It is entirely free from that redundancy of epithets, and compound words, \&c., which mark the compositions of those versed in classical literature, in which the reader will find frequent mention made of Helen. Venus, Mars, Minerva, Neptune, Thetis, \&c. intended

May never foeman dim thy glory, But joy to thee as tribute flow, Chaste bard! ${ }^{4}$ whose sires were famed in story, Let Fiomn's sharp sword in thy right hand glow.
I, too, shall share thy fight, undaunted,
Give thee Naesi's shield and Connall's vannted
War-mail for Freedom. Oh, may Hear'n grant it To craoibhin, aoibhin, aluinn $0 g$ !

## DEATH'S DOLEFUL VISIT'.

0 youth, so proved and grateful! You've covered me with grief, You mind not my heart's breaking, Nor think to give relief;
How black to you and shaming, If you save me not from blaming,
Who swore upon the Manual
To ne'er leave me 'neath grief!

- Death will come to seek you A smail half-hour ere day, And for each guileful action

He'll make you strictly pay.
to show the profound learning of the writer, and how thoroughly conversant he was with heathen lore, whilst entirely forgetting his own fairy mythology, as well as the heroines and heroes of ancient Ireland.-J. O'D.

3 2才Anajl. The English word manual, a Catholic prayer-kook, is Irecised here.
${ }^{4}$ It was often the custom of the bards of the last century to correspond in rhyme. The present communication was addressed to Eamonn do Nogla, a Cork tailor, who courted the Muses more than he did the goose or the thimble. The author, Seaan $O^{\prime}$ Cuinneagain. flourished in the year 1737, (see Poets and Poetry of Munster, tirst series, p. 169) and wrote several beautiful compositions now current among the Munster peasantry. -J. O'D.

＇S bpaz lý bay ayuar ope，
 D＇a m＇

Ir cajlin beas 5 an junalm me
2l b－rul ruajlcear ayy mo jóph，
Naŋ亡aplapo beane aŋ enȧ̇al，





Jr súbaċ дuן maŋ r马eól！


$\mathscr{U}_{\text {p }}$ lépe yó á ćóza，






Seal oam＇apmpip bjopa，

$\mathscr{U}_{5}$ rubal a mear5 mo jónodalea，

Blýs mear as Sall＇ras Snol opm，
Sur meall dú le zlón do bépl me，
\}r é reaćraple cuprm ya déf弓 opr, Rís zlésiol na njrar．

[^17]In the small room, you'll lie lonely, The white sheet round you only, How gladly you'd do penance Could you then but find the way.

I was a gloomless cailin, ${ }^{1}$ And joy was in my voice,
But you brought the sorrow with you,
No more could I rejoice.
And now since you're forsaking, And your path from me are taking, If thro' you I die, in mourning,

How black will seem that choice!

I'd manage all your household,
With skilful hand so well, Your hose and shirt and cota ${ }^{3}$

Would be fairest in the dell ;
If grief's dark clouds hung o'er you To youth I would restore you, ${ }^{4}$ 0 , wed me-and the Glory -

Of God shall with us dwell!

I had once no lack of clothing,
Of food or dwelling place,
I earned good fame and won it
Among my kindred's race;
Nor could Gall or Gael upbraid me
Till your false voice-it betray'd me-
But the Envoy I send with you
Is the Most High King of Grace !

[^18]

'S yacc oúbaci do bejó me mánać,


'S o’fas ri me jo cpajoze,
 Fab-ヶajand cuppa me!

## an spajlpjn faxruct ${ }^{1}$






 Da flafrajoe av b-qulpmb-ipalea, Zéayan cum rumal, zany capra fad So ap rumal an Spalpin Fanach!

215 rearm ap mo 户lajnce;



1 This song is not much older than the beginning of the present century, and is the production of an itinerant potato digger from Kerry who suffered some hardship among the farmers of Tipperary and Kilkenny, a class of men who though willing to pay the highest amount of wages to their men, yet require adequate labour in return. However, the Kerry spalpeens. as they are called, are an object of hatred to their fellows of Tipperary, where shoals of them muster from the Kerry mountains to earn a few shillings during the potato-digging season, and hire themselves far below the nadives, for which they are severely punished. In the beginning of the present century many of the Kerry men had their ears, or one of them at least, cut off as a punishment for lowering the market

My love! my heart's own neighbor !
How lorn am I to-night -
How dark I'll be to-morrow, And you upon your flight!
You've broke life's wall before me, And death's chill blast blows o'er me, Yet take one kiss, my darling, Before you leave my sight!

## THE SPAILPIN FANACH. ${ }^{3}$

AIR :-" The girl I left behind me."
No more-no more in Cashel town
I'll sell my health a-raking,
Nor on days of fairs rove up and down, Nor join the merry-making.
There, mounted farmers came in throng To try and hire me over,
But now I'm hired, and my journey's long, The journey of the Rover !

I've fonnd, what rovers often do, I trod my health down fairly,
And that wand'ring out on morning's dew Will gather fevers early.
wages. The mode of detecting a Kerry man from other Munster men was as follows. All the spalpeens, who slept huddled together in a barn or outhouse, were called up at night, and each man in his turn was obliged to pronounce the word 5abaft, a goat, in Irish; when the long, sharp tone of the Kerry man betrayed him, and immediately his ear was cut off. It is said that Cojay Ruaí the poet had a narrow escape of losing both ears on one occasion.-J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ bodalnioie, a term of contempt somewhat similar to upstart applied by daily labourers to their employers the farmers.-T.I. O'D.
${ }^{3}$ It is my opinion from internal evidence that this ballad was composed by some person recruited for the "wild-geese."-Er.

Sújre ya feac beaz rámapme,


 'S mé avy puo a o-zopac jeáarica;




 Say cír reo " 2ly Spalpaiy F゙anach!"


 21 ท-apmplr caroa ya batoait:-


Jré mo с́й Bheje parin ant "Spalpiry Fayach!'
 So m’'ronr le feap rulje lán lé;


 'Samala ćaol map jobatio;
 Na m-befó ya céndza fuye le pajajl Lép!
${ }^{1}$ Conaty, a reaping hook or sickle.-J. O'D.
${ }^{3}$ Callapro, Callan in the comety of Kilkenny.-J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ Oabljn , literally the black lake, an ancient name for Dublin.

No more shall flail swing o'er my head, Nor my hand a spade-shaft cover,
But the Banner of France float o'er my bed, And the Pike stand by the Rover!

When to Callan, once, with hook in hand, I'd go to early shearing,
Or to Dublin town-the news was grand That the " Rover gay" was nearing.
And soon with good gold home I'd go, And my mother's field dig over--
But no more-no more this land shall know My name as the "Merry Rover!"

Five hundred farewells to Fatherland! To my lored and lovely Island!
And to Culach's boys-they'd better stand Her guards by glenn and highland.
But now that $I$ am poor and lone,
A wand'rer-not in clover-
My heart it sinks with bitter moan To have ever lived a Rover.

In pleasant Kerry lives a girl, A girl whom I love darly, Her cheek's a rose, her brow's a pearl, And her blue eyes shine so clearly! Her long fair locks fall curling down

O'er a breast untonched by lover;
More dear than dames with a hundred poun' Is she unto the Rover!

[^19] Sbiap a
 'Jur capall ayy le b-apluorin: -
 'S 50 у-descıman a leat an rlapiea;
 Call here you "Spallpí F゙anach!"

'S a campa dalojloy, lajopr;

'S てaḋ boce fall O' Dalatj: -





## Cujsle 2uO CyROJDbe.








púpe,


[^20]Ah, well I mind when my own men drove My cattle in no small way, With cows, with sheep, with calves they'd move, With steeds, too, west to Galey; Heaven willed I'd lose each horse and cow, And my health but half recover, But it breaks my heart, for ker sake, now That I'm only a sorry Rover.

But when once the French conte c'er the main,
With stout camps in each valley, With Buck O'Grady back accin, And poor, brave Tadhy C'Ealuigh, 0 , the Royal Barracks in dust shall lie,

The yeomen we'll chase over, And the English clamn be forced to fly, 'Tis the sole hope of the Rover!

## PCLSE OF MY HEAPT.

"The lore of my bosom, fair maiden, was thine, Since first saw my eyes thy white graces;
More welcome than droves of the breck and white binc ${ }^{4}$
Were thy form in my home's p!easant places!
O, thy couch would be placed in a room samay bright,
The cows would low soft for thy pail at twilight ;
Thy fair little shoes with rich buckles be 'dight;
Then grant me thy hand and caresses?"
${ }^{3}$ bóc O'5 fada, i.e., Buck O'Grady. The term Óo signifies an ostentatious fellow, a coxcomb, and is synonimons with the English term Buck, which is used in some copies of the poem. Buck O'Grady and Teige O'Daly were in their day the Bravos of the district, but emigrated to some foreign clime.

4 Marriage portion.





 ínonc，





＇S yiop olar pham páye ap án lȧap！
 сَ́う́am，
 bonv，
2才о mía beft lan do bad baya ajur dúba，


## calsleq́n uj wéjul．



2maci faol ya gleandea，
Nó mapa d－zijead ay juray fae；
BAd，сálfe，ya 弓amua，


＇S cead cómpá bejé enopapy a paoy！

[^21]" My hand I won't give thee, don't hope it at all Till mamma shall have conned the tale over, For the fame of thy name is, alas ! very small, She hears thou'rt a drinker and rover!
That 'tis little thou'dst think to spend fire times a pound, And, were there a farthingless bard to be found, 0 , the poster ${ }^{1}$ itself soon in drink would go round: What maid would choose thee for her lover ?"
"Don't trust in such slander, bright pulse of my breast ! Not oft to the taveru I'm roaming ;
And there's gold in my pocket and goods in my chest, 'Tis few I e'er spent on cups foaming.
0 , when ripe harvest comes what increase will be mine, With yellow corn stooks to build stacks tall and fine;
Ah! shall none but my mother the black and white kine Then milk in the red, dewy gloaming?"

## CAISLEAN UI NEILL.

0 , darling and true love,
In early summer if you come with me,
'Mong dim glenns of dew, love,
Or where the bright sun shineth free;
Calves, kine, sheep the whitest
For your fortune l'd take not that day.
But my two arms 'round your white waist
And sweet lonely converse with you for aye!

[^22]



Ní čluppm ceól clapríse，

 Cúl Fainj1oc 50 Caplean UíNéll．
亏o léspe mé jiom，an mīn亏；
So m－befo bá＇弓am＇r caome，



＇S yíon b－pada lompa ojoce， Sínee leo bpollac jeal bay！

Céso rlay do＇v ojòce prapr， Jr é mo léay yad i yocie aza ayy；


Do bpéajfas mé real op a jlúpv，




Ca＇v culpre ray bpón ro，


Do sépacia glara lyom rior；

Do breód＇$r$ до buaю дјот mo çall， ’S ит mapread mé beó，


My garden's neglected ;
Dear Love ! does that not cause you pain?
Fruits bloom uninspected,
And verdure grows high without gain.
I list not the clearest
Soft harp, or the birds' sweet low wail,
Since from me fled my dearest
Curled cuilfonn ${ }^{2}$ to Caisleann O'Neill ! ${ }^{3}$

## Yet I'll leave not life's battle

Till down fall my mis'ry and pain, Till I've sheep and cattle,

And my darling returned once again; The spare meals of Lent-time

I'll quit not on grand days of feast, Sweet, swift were the spent-time

I'd spend with my head on his breast.
Farewell to last even!
I would it were back now to me,
With the fair youth of Heaven
Who caressed me awhile on his knee!
I'll say what bereft me
Of joy-bue let no one know,
My own white Love has left me,
O Mary! O Heaven! what a woe!
Sickness and sorrow
Are mach, much around my poor heart ;
The wan tears each morrow
To my eyes ever-and ever start;
Through love, and love only
Of him, who has left grief's black shade,
Ah! I cannot live lonely
If he wed with the dark mountain maid!
2 Pron. cool-yun, i.e. beautiful hair, and symbolically a youth or maiden. ${ }^{3}$ Pron. "Coshlanno Neill," the castle of O'Neill.-Er.



2) о с́níd! yi mirbe lıom é ;

Jo o.eидar yaopla.



Do jeall rupa bampa,


Зо m-bejo' ноп-гіјела


亏up léjeara leaera mo púy!



## MN 2yMC \{ll2థ1).

briat onac 5houla quiskel ró Chatv.
2才) aן

'S bappa chaoba ljodea ruar,

${ }^{1}$ Unian 2nac Jolla 2 thejone. Anglicised Bryan Merryman, who was born and reared in the parish of Clondagad, barony of Clonderlaw about eight miles west of Ennis in the county of Clare. His father was a small farmer in the aforesaid parish ; but Brian, who was a wild youth and fond of amusement, a taste which he acquired from being an excellent performer on the violin-left his father's house when he arrived at man's estate, and located himself in a place called Kilclerin in the parish of Feacle, about twenty miles east of

The people say ever.
That brave, handsome men love me dear, But never-0 never

Could $I$ love while he is not here. I'd wander, far rather,

Nine days, nine nights, nine weeks and ten,
And sloe-berries gather
Near his house 'neath sleet, snow, and rain !
You promised me purely,
You'd lore me till came death's decline ;
You promised me, surely,
That your home should always be mine.
But woe to that even
When I gave my heart unto thee,
Faraor! O bitter grieving!
The world goes between thee and me!

## THE CHILD OF THE ROCK.

brian mac giolla meidhre ${ }^{3}$ Sang.
[The Child of the Rock is a literal translation of the Irish for "The Echo."]

Fair the morn when I did rove
Within a dell beside the ocean,
Gladness filled the boughs above,
The cuckoos call'd and songs rose gushing.
Ennis, where he taught school for about thirty years; and died in Limerick about the year 1808. While residing in the parish of Feacle he composed the facetious and witty poem, entitled
 cimen of bardic composition as modern Gaelic ever produced, but a little licentious.-J. $\mathrm{O}^{\circ} \mathrm{D}$.

2 Cladatje, the Clady, a river or risulet in the county of Clare.
${ }^{3}$ Pr. Gilla-mira ( $g$ hard); this name is absurdly anglicised merry man. Brian is often changed to Bernard.-Er.

'S farać fiop-jlar fladaple apreallaje;
D'aplanjisear jup fin lyom raar,
Sít-beay mapal uajbpeac allajје.

'Sir fuīdeac oo jluap lé 'yuap ya rpozapo :
Jr cate claofoze bí ya cuall,
 Ba lajom capopar repaice lido.






 eaćzabe: ${ }^{2}$


Salan yime áar clpy am ćluarr,

Jr, Fada rivn fá braojocacie a o-Zuamajnd,







${ }^{1}$ Euṡ 2 亿úninnt, Thomond.
${ }^{2}$ Cactulje, or $S \emptyset \leadsto \dot{b}$ Cačulje. This is the name of a celebrated mountainous district lying in the frontiers of the counties of

I laid me down 'mid blossoms bright, Sleep came on their whisperings airy ;
Sweet the sight!-there flash'd a light, And beamed a noble, stately fairy !

Mournful, mournful was her wail, Her bitter tears were falling ever ; Sad her beauteous brow and pale, Dishevelled, torn, her tresses waver. Her noble head bowed tow'rd the ground, Dim her lustrous eyes now languish ; A bandage bound her brow around, The lint-white cincture-type of angnish !
"' 'Tis $I$ am weak,' she said, " mo bhron!3 Ev'n as corse the chill, chill tomb in ; Arrows pierce me-friends l've noneNo more my voice is heard in Thomond! ! Fainting-sick my heart is drear, Gone my vigour-woes are swelling, Venom-ills and knells mine ear

Doth ever hear, with a hag's ${ }^{5}$ wild yelling.
" Long I've been 'neath druid-sway, And glad my voice was once in Thomond, Answering faint but faithful aye,

Each sound that rose, or day or gloom in.
No cry of chieftain on the height,
No murmur of the billows' bending,
But gained responses, loud or light ;
Dost thou not mind my voices' blending?

Clare and Galway. It is now generally called Sliav Auyhty, but corrupted to Slieve Baughta, by Beaufort on his Ecclesiastical Map of Ireland.-J. O'D.
${ }^{3}$ Pron. mo rron-my sorrows.
${ }^{4}$ Cuac-2
${ }^{5}$ England is thus personified.

## Seacapajoe, cé enolm 30 fang!




plaor刀 mo ciny map zaorjai diom,
le caonéayy b-riocac mílececozaje;



'S an zír ya zóg le चópryead zacajóe ;







Jr, frar do maprajidy clay 3 ác rjépl,



B'áno mo jhod le fain ya laoc,
 Cbar mo jiall, ea playea clépb, -

Soo lá mo cépb le faobar ya joyeajde!

[^23]> "Shun the thought! altho' I'm lorn, Think not thou I'm conquered wholly;

In Gaelic Erinn, tho' I mourn
The groaning guns of One Unholy.
They burst my head!-but yet-oh! yet
By ancient fame I'm still surrounded;
This hag of hate thoult not forget
How deep this grasping hag is wounded!
" Loud and tuneful was my tone, In Erinn free, 'twas rolling thunder; I mind your combats, Conn and Eoghan!

Finn and gold Mac Morna's plunder.
Deep in war I've heard them far,
And I, in mist-woods, raised their clangor ;
My heart's keen sword !-from 'neath the sward
They cannot start in noble anger !
"Sadly then I spread the tale
Of chieftains' flght beyond the ocean, ${ }^{3}$ Of each defeat upon the Gael,

The Boyne assault and red commotion.
My wild tones rise with heroes' cries,
With hissing bullets, hoarse, harsh drumming,
Torn my sense! my hair's grey since,
For shrieks of womded ever coming !
day to this, a tittle of evidence. They were informed, however, that witnesses were to be hired against them, and believing this highly probable from the whole course of English policy towards Irishmen ; knowing, also, the rapacious views of James, and that their presence in the kingdom would only draw down heavier misfortune on their poor clansmen, and having, moreover, a wholesome dread of juries since the fate of the Mac Mahons, they came to the resolution of leaving their unhappy native country and seeking amongst the continental powers, either arms and troops to right the wrongs of Erinn, or at least a place to end their own days in peace. They waited not for the toils of Chichester to close round them; but in the autumn of that year, $(1607)$ on the festival of the Holy


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Cross, they embarked in a vessel that had lately carried Cuconnacht Mac Guire and Doncha O'Brien to Ireland, and was then lying in Loch Swilly. With The O'Neill went his wife, the lady Catharina, and her three sons, Aodh (who was called Baron Dungannon). Seaan, and Brian, Art og, son of Cormac Mac Baron. Feardarcha. son of Conn, Aodh og, and others of his family and friends. Rory O'Donnell was attended by his brother Cathbar and his sister Nuala (who had left her husband, Niall Gars, on his taking up arms against this chief, her brother Aodh the Red), Aodh, the Earl's child, nearly a year old, Rois, daughter of The O'Docherty, with her son Aodh* aged two years and three months, Rory's brother's son, Donnell og, son of Donnell, Neachtan, son of Calrach, and other friends :-Surely a distinguished company, and 'it is certain,' say the reverend chroniclers of Tyrconnell, 'that the sea has not borne and the wind has not wafted in modern times a number of persons in one ship more eminent, illustrious, or noble in point of genealogs; heroic deeds, valour, feats of arms and brave achievements than

[^24]> " Let us weep with lowly cry, Till come the hour of light ordained us; Let us pray the Lamb on high

> To smite the red hands which have chained us!
> The Yellow Scold who wounds my heart, And all her lying brood o'er bearing ;
> Out the weeds, disperse apart
> With northe.ni gales their seed from Erinn!"

## GPAINNE MHAOL. ${ }^{2}$

john (Clarach) mac donnell sang.

Lulled by ocean's soft motions, I sank to repose
In a dell nigh the sea,
Whence methought there arose
they, would God had but permitted them,' continue the Four Masters, to remain in their patrimonial inheritances until their children should arrive at the age of manhood! Woe to the heart that meditatedwoe to the mind that conceived-woe to the council that recommended the project of this expedition, without knowing whether they should to the end of their lives be able to return to their ancient principalities and Fatherland." With glomy looks and sad forebodings the clansmen of Tyrconnell gazed upon that fatal ship, 'built in th' eclipse and rigged with curses dark,' as she dropped down Loch Swilly, and was hidden behind the cliffs of Fanad head. They never saw their chieftains more."
${ }^{1}$ 5nainye 2 hhaul. This is the celebrated Grace OMalley, by whom the poet allegorically means. Ireland, and who appeared in her Connaught costume, atiended by her bodyguard, before Queen Elizabeth ; of which interview an interesting account wiil be found in the Anthologia Hibernica, vols. 2 and 3; and a good setting of the air will be found at p. 99, vol. II. of O'Farrell's Irish Music.J. $0^{\circ} \mathrm{D}$.

2 Pronounced "Grannya," or Grannin wale, i.e. Grannia the humble. Under this name Erinn is veiled, in the present and numerous other poems.-Er.
 Léfar jo féan；
 No Srapye 2ybaol！



Doo＇raן⿱一兀寸e bépl；
Labapral 50 blarda lind，
＇Sir fejpibe me，
$\mathfrak{Z y}$ b－ful ay leanb ceane，

 ＇S mo lán ya dé方；
马upr pabadaju ja roamall，
＇S 弓un afoa ay rFépr；
Ђac feaphapre za le fada＇muic，
fáol láasc ya b－pléan；
 Cbum Sbuapuy 2ubaol！









1 An ancient name of Ireland．

A nymph whose bright locks
To the ripples down fell,
And I bowed before Banbal
Or-Grainne Mhaol!
"I pray thee, 0 virgin! Fair, faultless, and bright,
In thy honey tones sing us
The Song of the Right,
Comes the youth, oft foretold us
In story and tale,
With his wamior-battalions
To Grainne Mhaol."
"Behold, 0 true friend!
I here pledge thee my hand,
To the heights of the sky
Rise the clouds of thy Land;
And the Gallant and Brave
Who long exile bewail,
Cross the ridges of ocean
To Grainne Mhalo!
"Thus the brown tuneful thrush ${ }^{2}$
On the wary green bough, Ever carols: 'Prepare

With your bright trappings now,
For a steed to your shores
Boundeth swift as the gale,
And seeks for a shelter
From Grainye Mhaol!'

[^25]

Cabap conjuad o＇ap b－pliondra，

Culu cumplace ya Sajray，

＇S enbapl úvFかine a 5 －combrà Do Sbuapye 2ibhaol！


Da，J－capra amac paop bappa cyoc， ＇Say afo 3 ad rlépb；
Feapracopr a m－baplze fopre，

 Say caliy va d－oé15！




Jr é deff 5 ac plapoa co mír parpapo，





’円a b－ғull épeace＇r milreace， 2lonazo bépl：


Tapr eapoe da o－гjocaか， B．breís do pépm．
> "O Divine Son of suffering Be our aid in this war,
> Let the base-hearted tyrants Be driven afar,
> Be the shield of our prince
> In the red bearna baoghail, ${ }^{1}$
> Till fallen the rivals
> Of Grainne Mhaol!
> " How long, O Most High! Shall thy priests have to crave

Their protection from glenn And the bleak mountain cave, How long slatl the mansions And lands of the Gael, Be the Spoil of the Spoilers Of Grainne Mhaol?
"And Diarmuid is tortured, And small be his blame, That we droop without glory Or honotr or fame,
And each peasant mutters Did we try we'd prevail, And the Saxons shonld burden not Sweet Grainne Mhaol!
> "True bard of Clann Carrtha, The pow'rful of yore, What pleasure shall thrill thee Should he tread our shore, Who like us has descent From the sires of the Gael,
0 , thy songs they'd be poans For Grainne Mhaol."

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Shior coor リa гrája，
Ca’n fapleab סear mロa；
Ir ísle，ir ífinne，




でífie ya myá．

lace riodaije＇gur rröll；




＇S 50 riúbalfapy leaz epre，
S ay zaob call oo＇y Rópin！
Do b＇qeãィ lyom ya bó，


$\mathfrak{U}$ y gleayn coplle ap yeóp！
Jr cajp cyeapoa cópr，
Do meallaajyy uate fós；

＇S a モojo ya m－bay óち．
1 This song was composed by a gentleman named Christopher Cnnway who resided at Tighnahalla，literally，the house of the swan，in the borders of the river Loun，in the parish of Kilorglin．

## DOWN BY THE STRAND.

Down by the strand
Lives a young maid so bland,
The fairest-the rarest-
The Flower of the Land!

She's a bough of perfume
Of fadingless bloom !
'Tis my glory her story And deeds to illume.

Dames I might wed
Who've pearls round the head,
And such as have riches
And robes of silk thread,

But my heart nevermore
Could be theirs, 0 mo stor!
With thee, love, I'd flee, love,
To Italy's shore!

I'd rather than kine
Or that steeds should be mine
In some valley to dally
Where leafy boughs twine,

For a kiss that ne'er fades
I d steal in those glades,
From the white star, the bright star,
The choice of fair maids !
county of Kerry, in praise of his wife Ellen M'Carthy, one of the two daughters of M•Carthy Mor. The other daughter was married to the great grandfather of the present O'Donohue, M.P.-J. O'D.

 ＇S dúbapre $z_{0}$ pabar papreeać， Le babay ya 5 －cpabob！

Ca fior ajatraojal， Nap деариад piam lé



Le дeabad ćum cíje Dé ；








＇Sap reabar map do rjpjobia， Le caol feany á lajin！
Rajayyy leaz oo＇y Spaivy，

No faol jleayyea aj oéayad lyonoupe，
＇S yad cayyelać é ay $5 \mathfrak{r a d}$ ！

Fa nov yeać bámpa；


＇S 弓uヶ b＇é 弓ló bivy a civy，
Chu5 ya pópre óv lyys；



Sad, sad hearts to those
Whose scandalous gloze
Would blame us or shame us,
Flow'r, pure as the snows!
0 baban ${ }^{1}$ of the curls!
Those dear little pearls
Thy kisses-all this is
But light mirth, the churls!
As I speed thro' the dells
When ring the mass bells,
My thoughts wander still fonder
Where my bosom love dwells,
And sighs fill my breast
So lone, so unblest,
Then, ah, dower me, my flower!
My wee apple! with rest.
I must sing the fair grace
Of each pen-stroke and trace
On paper-thy taper
White finger can place.
I'd muse sadly with thee
In dim glenns, or the sea
We'd sail over-with thy lover
0 wilt thou not flee?
My Pearl of gold curls,
My Choice of all girls,
O Mary !-how dreary
My life's flag unfurls.
Ah! thy soft voice of glee Makes seals leave the sea, And the dun deer to run here, And the thrush quit the tree!

[^26]Nuajp réponfio rí duad，
Ir binye 彳 ๆáy cuać；
＇Sir bpeaj̇ża i ya Bbénur，
Chupr céadea c̀um ruapm！
Ni bealy do blas ualm，
$\mathscr{Z}$ m－bejó adapca a a buajb；
Qíe népleton ćuly béarać，

Ní pórpad 30 деб，${ }^{1}$
Buaćall cīje món；
Fearjzanea ya rgeanna，
＇马ur leacaljíe ay bófito！
Qlé fórfad mo rój̇a，
Jr é an buacallijn fiond，
Do íreabiad ay brayap，
＇S bapypead at móp．

Faol خapcapreat mpaol
’S ラay eaprad ap ay d－calam，
1r meara porá $\bar{y}$ ．

Na claon joya cropoe，

Chupr reary ar CbRJOSD！

[^27]> More sweet thou dost sing
> Than cuckoos in spring,
> Thou'rt brighter and whiter Than the fays poets sing!

I care not to gain
Horned beeves and broad plain, My own love-my lone love Is the star without stain!
"I never will wed ${ }^{4}$
With a man who is bred
As a flunker;-poor monkey
Put that from your head,

But my choice will be seen, A fair buachailin ${ }^{5}$
Who'll plough land, and bowl, ${ }^{6}$ and
Have a heart for the Green!"
"Och, woeful in sooth
Is the fate of each youth
Who hopes for or mopes for
A young maiden's truth;

Fewer birds fly or rest
Than whimsies her breast
Encumber,-their number Would anger the Bless'd!"

[^28]
## SLJaBy WA 2b-B21N.

Jr aо̇ lyom fépyob bualad av lae úb, Do oul afr juodapl boce ár ya céadea jlad;







2才) leun lépr ap an oneam 5 an éffeact, Nan far le fémpm a'r obice reab;






${ }^{1}$ Slıab $\mathfrak{n}$ a m-ban, literally the mountain of the women; a romantic hill situated about four miles north-west of Clonmel, on the road leading to Kilkenny, where the insurgents met in 1798 . For the legends connected with this mountain, and why it is called
 thereof, by Mr. John Dunne of Garryricken, published in the Transactions of the Kilkenny Archæological Society for 1851, p. 333.-J. O'D.

2 Dérreać, the Decies in Waterford.
${ }^{8}$ In the original, "no spy of the House of Neill should sell us;" this refers to a miserable traitor named Neill, who, it was said, betrayed a party of the Insurgents. He received a pension for the perfidy, gold for blood, renounced God for Mammon, and attempted to retire into some place where he would not be known. He fled

## SLIAV-NA-MAN.

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AIr :-"Not more welcome the fairy numbers."
Weep the Great Departed-the Patriot-hearted! With life they parted for Ireland's right;
To them give glory, while tyrants gory Spread the false story, " they fled in fright."
O, 'twas small, our terror ! we fell to Error, No chiefs there were or an ordered van; Yet when came war's rattle we fled not battle, Tho' like herdless cattle on Sliav-na-man!

May the grief each ray shuns curse their impatience Who did haste our Nation's uprise from night, Ere the South could gather its clanns together, And on this heather with the West unite. Our camp had warriors!-Ay Freedom's barriers! The God-sent carriers of Slav'ry's ban !
0 , no spy had found them ${ }^{3}$-no fetter bound them, We'd be freed men round them on Sliav-na-man !
to the county Cork, but with him went a terrible avenger, his own conscience. The country people speak of him yet ; he never could be at rest, and feared to be alone; he thrust his companionship on those he knew loathed, spurned, and insulted him, for he dreaded worse than all scorns to be left alone. They report a significant speech of his. It happened as he was travelling on horseback, with one of themselves, that his horse stumbled and threw him. On lifting him he was remarked to be more wan and terror-struck than could be accounted for by the fall; and his comrade, looking at his
 miaim lןomra." "The Devil never parts from me." The people are very cautious not to intermarry with any of his or any other traitor's descendants.-Er.

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 Leaybajóe óza ya pmól any ó口ге， Seallapm fór díb ay zé pul ay fó⿱一𫝀口㐄a， Som－biajam a 5 －cópr do le pike ár rleaj，
 ${ }^{2} 5$ y jol a 5 －cómán leó ap Shljab ya m－Ban！

Ir gomda reap aopda a＇r çobapre zlépzeal， O＇y am 50 ćé le do jabad le real；



1 Unfortunately，this is no exaggerated picture of the accurst ferocity of the brutal and dastardly soldiery of England．I abridge an account of the battle of New Ross，by an impartial loyalist（see ＂History of the Irish Rebellion of＇98，＂by E．Hay，M．R．I．A．）． The reader will perceive that this battle is more than once referred． to in the poems of that period．From first to last it illustrates the abuses and heartless cruelty of a standing army．－Er．
＂The commander－in－chief of the Insurgents sent a Mr．Furlong with a flag of truce to the commanding officer in Ross，with a sum－ mons requesting him in the name of humanity，to prevent possible rapine and bloodshed by a speedy surrender，as the Wexford forces Here now innumerable and irresistible．The bearer of the flag of truce was shot the moment he approached．By some mistake one division alone attacked the town，and even it was incomplete；yet the Insurgents，though without plan，dislodged the garrison from their adrantageous posts，and drove horse and foot out of the town， over the Barrow bridge The Irish（who had been on short fare for the preceding days and had had nothing this morning）dispersed to plunder and drink．The English，however，rally and regain the town．Sobered by this the Insurgents rush again and again up to the very cannon＇s mouth with remarkable intrepidity，and chase the enemy out of the place．Again，however，in lieu of aught else to appease the cravings of hunger，they renew their carouses，（and it is a medical fact that the amount of whiskey which would have no inebriating effect on a well－fed man，will intoxicate a hangry

Tho' at Ross defeated, few, few retreated,
Death comes-they meet it with thrust of pike!
Then were dragged the dying, and poor babes crying,
The flames to lie in ${ }^{1}$ from ditch and dyke:
Ye who wreakt this slaughter, for the crimes you wrought there
We swear-like water your blood shall run, Fet-savage yeomen, of Hell an omen,

We'll meet ye, foemen, on Sliav-na-man!

Ah!many an old man and star-bright bold man,
Who long did hold on to free their Isle, Lie pale and markless, in deathy starkness,

Bound down in darkness of dungeons vile.
one), so that of the famished Irish many became speedily inebriated and unable to repulse the enemy, who reconquered the town. Several houses were fired on this and the former attack. especially a four-storied one, in which seventy-five persons were burnt to ashes, one man only escaping the soldiers' fire. The Insurgents made a third gallant attempt, but their intrepid leader (O'Kelly) fell, and they retreated, bearing away, however, a piece of the enemy's cannon. The official list gives 230 English as killed, wounded. or missing, whilst the Insurgents are stated to have lost 500 at least. But the number of their dead was doubled by the massacre of unarmed and unresisting men after all was over. Many drunken men, incapable of flight, many (loyal) inhabitants, whose houses being burnt had no place of refuge, fell victims to the fury of the soldiery: from which none could escape who were not clad in military costunie. Even the following day the few unburnt thatch houses of the common people were searched, and not one there found was left alive! Some houses were set on fire even so thronged that the corpses oft the suffocatcd within them could not fall to the ground, but continued crocderd together in an Upright posture, until they were taken out to be interred" Atrocious and demoniacal as these deeds were on the parts of cirilized England's (!) soldiery, the reader will find other crimes perpetrated by them, a thousand times more horrible, if he refer to that impartial llttle book. He will find, also, frank testimony borne to the humanity of the Insurgents during the whole war.

 Da o－zabajne raonó ya gámajo jay baodicur，

 Le cpabyajb 万éapa ap mup le real；
万r é rion r马éala zo b－quıl a o－eppall zo b－eqre，











 Bejo mejopr a＇r móncar ap Sllpab ya m－Bay！

There, eve and morning, they bear all scorning. Threats, lashes, mouruing, that their tyrants plan; We'll pay, soon, your labours, 0 coward neighbours !

With our trusty sabres on Sliar-na-man!
Fur on the ocean are ships in motion,
And glad devotion on France's shore,
And rumor"s telling: "They'll now be sailing
To help the Gael in the Right once more."
Och! if trie's that story, by my hopes of glory,
Like the glad bird o'er me I'd lilt my rann! ${ }^{1}$
Were the Robber routed! the Saxon flouted!
How we would shout it, old Sliav-na-man!
Ho ! the clowns are quaking and counsel tating, Good times ${ }^{2}$ are making their firm approach, When those who weakly still preach "bear meekly,"

Will mourn all bleakly in dark reproach !
While gold and chattel, broad lands and cattle
Pay them whose battle made Freedom dawn,
And way-side dances our joy enhances,
With the gold fire-glances o'er Sliav-na-man!
1 Raŋn, a pæan, a song of joy.
2 2lminn ós, literally, Young Time.

## Seasban ódujbyjr qN 万bleanna．





Chualaס av uapll o＇a carab。

Bmojc ár mjol＝a a丂 よeamŋa，
Clleabapm va yooba faoa，
Fルapm aら a！mac allab，


## JOHN O'DWYER OF THE GLEN.

Mr. Hardiman, in his Irish Minstrelsey (Vol. 2, p. 149) says that the hero of this song was Colonel John O'Dwyer, a distinguished officer who commanded in the counties of Waterford and Tipperary in 1651, and soon after embarked at the former port with 500 of his faithful followers for Spain.

Notwithstanding Mr. Hardiman's authority as to the identification of the hero of the song in question, some donbts may be entertained from the fact of another Shane O'Dwyer turning up recently in a learned paper on the Munster Bards, published in the Clster Journal of Archeology, for April, where the writer introduces a quotation from a jury presentment made in the county of Cork in Nov. 1581, and preserved in the Carew MSS., (No. 627), deposited in the British Museum, showing how the Earl of Desmond's rents were paid, and giving the names of no fewer than 72 persons who were living as "poets, chroniclers, and rhymers, in that country." Among the rest mention is made of one "Shane O'Dwjrer, chronicler de Aharlagh," which must be the Glen of Aherlow, near Bansha, in the county of Tipperary; and not " Arlo forest, celebrated by Spenser," as the writer suspects.

This Shane O'Dwyrer, recte O'Dwyer, evidently must be the author or hero of the song, and not Mr. Hardiman's Colonel John O'Dwyer. It is a curious fact that among the names of the 72 bards quoted, there appears that of "Mary-ny-Donoghue, a shebarde, and Mary-ny-Clancye, a rimer." So that the bardic profession was not entirely confined to the males among the ancient Irish-the females having had their inspiration too.

Towards the close of the last century a very clever "rimer" appeared in the person of $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ ante $N_{1}$ Ohoyo万aly, who resided somewhere near Knockbee, in the parish of Sliabh g-Cua, and whose poetic effusions are traditionally preserved in the district-J. OD.

> I've seen, full many a May-time, Suns lead on the day-time, Horns ring in that gay time With birds' mellow call, Badgers flee before us, Wood-cocks startle o'er as, Guns make pleasant chorus

> Amid the echoes all,


$\mathfrak{Z l}$ r beay $z^{\circ}$ ди́bać ray m－bealać，

＇Worr モえ＇り copll がa jeappa，

 てa 兀ú 弓av férm！
jré rin m’uajyear fada，
Scá mo ćluap o’a jeappa，

＇Say bar aypr ay rpép！


Do bappfend zıuapm se＇ı leayb，
Oi meadon jil an lae：－


Do j̇jocfá ruar afr ajelond，
So la depre an e－raoljepl！

O bappe uaple an baple；

＇S o＇fasfany an rolept

亏ay ceayy，りa चeayy af lućoab，
1 引leanワaŋ e－rnots，glen of the rivulet；probably the glen of Aherlow，near Bansha，in the county of Tipperary．
${ }_{2}$ Pron．Shaun O＇Duyer an glanna，i．e．Seaan O＇Drryer of the glenn． There may be some of my readers to whom these Irish names will cause inconvenience，and who would prefer to see them printed as they are pronounced．To gratify such a desire would be to outrage all rules of intellectual culture and philology．In any standard translation from foreign languages is not their orthography preserved

> The fox run high and higher, Horsemen shouting nigher, The peasant mourning by her Fowl, that mangled be. Now, they fell the wildwood, Farewell-home of childhood! Ah, Seaan O'Dwyer an Gleanna, ${ }^{2}$ Joy is not for thee!

> It is my sorrow sorest, Woe-the falling forest!
> The north wind gives me no rest,
> And death's in the sky ;
> My faithful hound's tied tightly Never sporting lightly, Who once could, day or nightls,

> Win grief from the eye.
> The antlered, neble-hearted
> Stags are never started,
> Never chased nor parted
> From the furzy hills.
> If Peace came, but a smaH way,
> I'd journey down on Galway,
> And leave, tho' not for alway, My Erinn of Ills.

The Land of streamy vallies,
Hath no Head nor rallies-
in its integrity? The same argument applies with equal-nay, superior-force to the language of our own country. Here, there are innumerable opportunities for acquiring the true pronunciation of Irish words, which students of foreign languages have not, and in this book I have been careful to give the mere English reader all possible assistance, by printing the pronunciation in notes. I confess, however, that I consider it extremely ill-judged and despicatile to write gibberish in place of Irish words in the translations. merelsto sare trouble to the indolent, or contentedly ignorant.-Er.
 21 rlañe ya a raojal！
20）loma luajn 5 an forsad，
OCblunjiz 50 Stuap yaom Colam，${ }^{3}$
 21ヶ fary le ya pae！

Bualad，buayad，＇$\quad$ cancad，
20 rmollin binn＇ran lon－oub

＇S 弓uヶ mó ay cuap cum cozad， Clép 50 buajocapia ár poball． Da reólad a $j$－cuajeajb lomad，

 Nace b－puapr mé bar 5 ay peacado， Sul a b－puapr mé ryayyapll， ギa mo cillo fér！
＇S a lazać la bpeat fada，

Dälleabaparay y－dár，



2lm＇lujze 50 oualnc faol r5aprajb，
＇Sa 3 －cuapajb ay z－rlépb！
 goblets would their health be toasted．
${ }^{2}$ Cluaity．Cloyne，in the county of Cork．
${ }^{3}$ Seunjc yaom Colam，the peak or hill of St．Columbkill，in Donegal．

4 The＂black－bird＂was often used in Jacobite poetry to symbolize the exile Stuart，whose return with French aid was hoped for．It has been objected by some generalizers from particulars，that such expectations demonstrate the want of self－reliance in the Irish

> In city, camp or palace
> They never toast her name;
> Alas! no warrior column
> From Cloyne to Stuaic naov Colam-
> 0 'er plains now waste and solemn
> The hares may rove tame.
> 0 , when shall come the routing,
> The Euglish flight and flouting,
> We hear no joyous shouting
> From the blackbird ${ }^{4}$ yet,
> But more warlike glooms the omen, -
> Justice comes to no men,
> Priests must flee the foemen
> To hilly caves and wet.
> It is my daily ruin
> That a sinless death's undoing
> Came not, ere came the strewing
> Of all my bright hopes.
> Ah, many a pleasant day-time
> l've watcht in Erimn's May-time
> The sweet fruits scent that gay time,
> And dew on oak and slöpes.
> Now, my lands are plunder,
> Far my friends asunder,
> $I$ must hide me under
> Heath and bramble screen.

character! Logicians so innocent of logic and history are certainly to be looked upon with tender feelings of admiration in this hardened century. Let our readers remember, however, that scarcely one modern revolution has taken place without foreign aid ;-England even, at that time, drove out the Stuarts by the foreign aid of William of Orange, Spain freed herself of the French by the foreign aid of: England, America was succoured in her uprising against England by the foreign aid of France, Greece accomplished her independence by foreign aid, Scotland too looked for aid with the Stuarts, \&c. \&c., yet Irishmen will be found who are either culpably ignorant of these facts, or else maliciously overlook them in order to fling a libel against their Fatherland.-Er.
＇S muya b－fajad mé ruapmyear pearoa，
O baonye uaple an baple；
Zqésfid mé mo fealb， ンクur fajano at raojal！

## slájnce RjJb pylub．${ }^{1}$

 ＇S 5ay дeapmad bioir lay；
 ＇S ay lepgbéa Man் ap fán！！
Jr fada far rmáte j da piumad
24 ay dalea yac meabapr lé ap てal，
 Racam oo＇y Fhpapic yóy Sbapyy！
 Do and man ćélle mya；
＇S oo＇v ćúpla djuleatio ay baproe，


 Beto＇jneayy ajur beayy ap ya rajalic，


1 Rij 1 ll hb．This is Philip II．of Spain to whom the poet appeals for aid to rid his country of English oppression．The air to which the song is sung will be found in the first volume of O＇Farrells Crl－ Lection of Irish Airs，page 150．now rather a scarce work．It is a great favourite with the peasantry of Carrick－on－Suir，and the ad－ jacent country，where one is never at a loss for a good Irish singer．

If soon I cannot save me
$3 y$ flight from foes that crave me,
0 Death! at last I'll seek thee Our bitter foes between!

## HERE'S A BUMPER TO PHILIP.

Ho, friends ! grasp your glasses, and fill up
Your bumpers, fill up to the brim!
Here's a health to the gallant King Philip,
And our Exile-success, boys, to him!
In sorrow too long he has wandered-
To tell him our axes are bright,
That we're burning to raise the Green Standard,
I sail, boys! for Paris to-night !

Red woe to the foul foreign lover Of Erinn our beautiful queen,
The betrothed of the brave nameless rover Whose soul is grief darken'd I ween.
There's a scourge for the temple-profaners,
The foe shall not, stand on our shore,
When free we'll decree that regainers, The priests have their abbeys once more.s

[^29]马uldm fearoa mis zeal ya y－apybol，

＇S a y－дjb


＇S 弓ay беаитад Cijeapya ay Chlapr，
 ＇S zallapb arit le fay！
 Chum caéa 50 b－e Do capnar ya zajpze 00 ＇y alcme，

 2lce a y弓eaprad le faobap layd，



Da d－zéapinad Rijo Séaplur jo zapad，

Do déanfamaopr léprofior apay apome， Do írearjapr ya jaojdj jo fany：－
e，bim 50 répm aŋ an atap，

ejpljoć do déayad ap ya $5^{\text {allajb，}}$ ＇S bapp ap a b－pépy $3^{\text {aci }}$ am！
${ }^{1}$ Sciobanc，Stuart．Charles Edward again．
2 Fall，is pronounced fau－il，and not fale，as we generally hear it sounded．Innis－fuil signifies＂The Island of Destiny：＂
${ }^{3}$ O＇Brien．Lord Clare，commanded a regiment of horse in the Irish Brigade．

We pray to the Lord of all glory
To unsheath his bright Sword o'er our soil,
Till strewn be the plunderers gory
Who glut them on dear Inuis-fail ${ }^{2}$ -
To smoothen a path o'er the ocean, To lead the south wind on the sea, Till the isle of our love and devotion, Be fetterless, fearless and free.

To wage the fierce battle for Erim Comes the fiery brigade of Lord Clare, ${ }^{3}$ 'Tis oft from their pikes keen and daring The Saxon fled back to his lair.
And favour-not now shall he get it, Save from lances on every hand;
O, short are their days who abetted The murderous deeds in our land!

May Charles have but courage to hasten With troops and with arms to our shore,
We'll scorch from their tyranny wasting Our treacherous foemen once more. We pray to the just Lord to shatter Their hosts and their hopes to the ground, To raise our green Island and scatter The blessings of Freedom around!

[^30] Fontenoy.

## COIS NA BRÍsbjDE.

Ulltition 1NちbllS RO CbItN.
Fonn:-" Clar bos Déll."
Copr ya Brijibe real do bjor-ra,


21 й unlad bán;
Ba jole a pib ya alad an liog,
'Sya дии́ċ aŋ bay;

O Dhún $\mathfrak{y}$ a m-bás! !




Ceanjal clépue beji opapy a paon,

 Sheabapy bar le cúnia!


'Sa cúlly car búclad,

${ }^{1} \mathrm{bmj}$ job, the river Bride, which rises in the barony of Barrymore. in the county of Cork, near a place called Glenprehan, takes its course easterly, uniting with the Blackwater at Strangeally Castle, (Capleay ŕnóna Capllije, litcrally, the Castle of the hags nose), the seat of the Rev. - Lloyd. It is sitnated two miles below Drumana, at the foot of the celebrated ling na rajanc, or priest's lake, where, it is traditionaily told that one of the Earls of Grandison during the troublous times of 1641 , caused nine priests to be sent fettered in a boat, which he ordered to be scuttled on reaching the centre of the lake, thus consigning nine immortal souls to eternity! Ever since, this expansive lake goes by the above name-J. OD.

## BY THE BRIDE.

williay english sang.
Are:--"Clar Boy Deal."
By the Bride's pleasant water
I dwelt for awhile,
Enticed by a daughter
Of beauty's gay smile;
Her white neck was whiter
Than swan-plume or der,
And sure 'tis sio stranger
Who was courting with you!
I came from the ocean, A gay fisher boy,
And my whole heart's devotion
I gave you, my joy ;
0 , soon may the marriage
Give you to my heart,
If another you'd wed, love,
I'd die with the smart.

> O, fair is my darling !
> With breast like the snow,
> And her bright cuilin curling
> To the green grass below;

[^31]Q)

 'Smo ذןィд eap m'ér?

Wać súbićnojdeac mé a b-pporap,

'Suac poranob leaz rjuprre,

 Da m’all leaz é,
 Tpe lajr mo ćlépb!

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Fon!:-"Róp jeal oub."

Le rfar an jivor!


9
$\mathcal{U}_{5}$ far 50 féap,
O ди́príir mo ćár caо,
Na fas mé b-fépy!

$\mathscr{H}_{5}$ far 50 féaŋ;
'S a cam-bpaoje' 50 olúz mjp,


> And I wish I were lying In earth cold and low, Ere I had to forsake her And wander in woe!

How sad and dark-hearte d, In deep pain I pine,
Since fortune has parted Her fondness from mine.
0 , maid of all maidens, 'Tis you only may
Cure the grief and the sorrow That rack me each day!

## THE CLUSTER OF CUPLS.

WILLIAM ENGLISH SANG.
AIr: --" Rois geal dubh."
No treasure of pleasure This long time is mine,
But pangs beyond measure From a maiden divine.
0 , sistreen ${ }^{1}$ of tresses That kiss the dew, low, Who woke my distresses, Don't leave me in woe.

Thy curling, thy golden, Thy bright-flowing hair,
Thy curved eyebrows moulden So slender and fair,
${ }^{1}$ Popularly used as a diminutive of sister. The endearing Celtic diminutive " in " (pr.een) is thus added to numberless English words, in those districts where both languages are spoken.--Er.



'S yać ál lé mé!
 Do fartajo mé ;




 Ucb, ranajo me!



Na ryámay ay jéer,
Jr búc bjvi a clupu bivy,

 'S ay bar lem' béal!
 So fanad fán!
 Do raprajo mé!
Spubal rlíje yuair rmuajojím,

Joveaijim 'r súblaijim
So b-áд mo сее $f \boldsymbol{m}^{1}$ !
${ }^{1}$ Cépm, used here as a contraction for colrcépm, a footstep.

They make me sad-hearted; O'er all men I pine,
From the Curl-cluster parted Who will not be mine!

0 , brown hair of beanty ! Thou'st fettered my heart !
I'm mournful and moody
When thou dost depart.
0, m'uirnin, ${ }^{2} \mathrm{I}$ sue thee
By Hearen above,
Since thou'st sent the grief thro' me, O, save me, my love !

O, bright as the berry's
The cheek of my love,
As foam by the ferry's
Her white brow above.
0 , the voice of that maiden's,
The harp, sounding glee,
Its soft, winning cadence
Has brought death to me.

I travel in sorrow
Through Erinn the green,
My heart sheds, each morrow,
Its soul for my queen.
On my way, when I ponder
On her-her so fair!
I stray and I wander,
I turn here and there!
${ }^{2} \mathrm{Pr}$. voorneen.



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Фо lovynuıjenб о́ с̇nú riol,
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    2 и clá 50 répí,
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Do júblajzear 'r o'poneajear,
    Zuc la lıom fép, \({ }^{1}\)
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    'S ban-bror j jle;
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    21) af calo ad r马ém!
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## B＇Fjearr léjzeanN dójby．



Cla fada mé jégle le reacimal ba yór；
马o barbalać，bealalj̇̇e，a̧ bladan le béjíb，






1 In another copy this line reads＂万лci la lem＇nae．＂

> O, dearest! 0, fairest! O, Love of my breast ! 'Mid the noblest and rarest Thy fathers shone best. I'm fading in anguish, All pleasures have flown; For thy sake I languish, For thee I make moan!

I wander thro' vallies Each day of my days, I stray by each palace And grey city's maze, And I see maidens rarest And place them by theeBut thou'rt fair o'er the fairest, Ah! turn, love, to me!

## BETTER LEAVE THEM ALONE. ${ }^{3}$

eoghan o'sullivan (the red) savg.

The life of the Rake, hear ye now its recital
By one who, alas! has long known it too well ; 'Twas a trampling on virtues and duties most vital,
I A treading the path leading down into hell.
Like Judas, a kiss was our mode of deceiving
The bright-hair'd young maids, till their hearts were our own,
Then perjured we left them to weeping and grieving,
Tho' the holy priests taught : "Better leave them alone !"

[^32]Njon b＇apaij mé realad＇ray cabapme epaocea，




Do r马apfuyn $5^{21}$ réabad af ajcye luce ceól，

 бо́b！

Do leayar ya beapza po realad jo réaymap，
＇S ay zabappe ap bélígb do r弓appear mo reóp！



Bacaíac mé ap majply maćryam jum baoi beapt



马ac v－dulve＇co m＇élpon＇ra bjlle ya dóo；





 هб́b！




'Mong the crowds in the tavern I've wasted in drinking, And shameless carouse, oft the long summer night, On the good Fathers' teaching I seldom was thinking, Save to make it a theme for the sneer and the slight; Tho' I'd gather with toil thro' the week a small treasure, Oft with children of song it has blessingless flown. Ab , to hear them my heart beat-my mind throbbed with pleasure,
And none could persuade, "Better leave them alone!"

I follored these pranks throughout long years of madness, Till I'd squander'd my gold in the tavern of woe, Till the Marker had chalked, with a sly look of gladness, My name on that page which poor debtors well know, Yet, I'd bitterly think with deep grief on each morrow, 'Twas not for my like ${ }^{1}$ thus to drink and to groan, Who felt ourselves nobler, whose soul told in sorrow 'Tis just to believe: "Better leare them alone."
" Ay, traly," I thonght in half madness, "twere better," As each handed his "bill," withont smile then or joke, And threaten'd to cast me in prison, and fetter, When they'd gained all my wealth but a weather-beat cloak,
No maiden was then to console me true-hearted, To lighten my sadness or for me to make moan,
Alas! with my treasure all pleasure departed, And I knew (tho' but late) "Better leave them alone!"

When the sickness came to me and old age drew nigher, With a lack of thin garments and a greater of friends,
In a limb-shaking palsy,-in a glance without fireIn a voice without mese tis thus that all ends!

[^33]1r reapt at aproe lyom labapte ap bépíb,


 бо́b!
 Do ćapar ya béfze 'r oo leavar ay z-ol ;


Syamać le marjalać mapreamul, mapóa,
Bbejóar capínydac, caomyać, leayabaci, ró$\dot{\zeta} \wedge \dot{\mathrm{c}}$,
Seaciadac opamayda, 'r capmajre aproyade
'S с

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2ta r马éal beaz puleman, 24 万ampa le ronúda díb;
Caprétr mo zupapr,
 Naц гңносдд mire,





'Sjup mire bī ap meapújaд

${ }^{1}$ For an interesting biography of William O'Heffernan, the Blind, see Reliques of Irish Jacobite Poetry.

I woefully mourn the young days I have wasted And shun, like a spear, where my vices have grown, And whiskey-I promise and vow ne'er to taste it, Accursed are such guests-" Better leave them alone."

Now strong man and young man who lounge and who wander,
'Mong taverns to drink and deceive-if you're sage
Hear my cry: "Never more your bright hours of youth squander,
And fear not that Want will grind down your old age, Shun the base arts of Hell-the false oath, the deceiving, And gladness shall make your sad hearts all her own,
Shnu the drams and the drinking, the sure-coming grieving, And oh, trust all who say: "Better leave them alone!'"

## HELP! HELP!

dilliam dall o'h-eapiahn sang. ${ }^{2}$
Hear a merry story,
'Twill please you with its prettiness,
After all my glory
I fell into a pretty mess!
Oft I've tramped through Erinn,
Nor was crush'd into the "narrow nook,"
Till last night, a suare in,
My worthless guide my marrow shook.
0 maisé ${ }^{3} 0$ the scornful,
The hard-to-bear, the shocking load!
To fall as falls a born fool, While $I$ knew not the mocking road.

[^34]2 m－béal ya zopyne，

2才）lém гap uørje，


Faol pioll ya rpúplle rior；
Ba éaċ兀íap mire，
Ar m’ullinn óa rapunad anjor！ O，malre，ךc．

D＇érinear le buple，



Nion b＇é río av ejubalre，



O，malre，$\chi^{c}$ ．

Do ćuaprajjear culre，
$\mathfrak{Q}_{5}$ ur 1omall ya rú́plle rior ；
Ma ċluar 5 ur ćapreara，
2l＇
Jr luamyeać，pyealea，
$S_{\text {万1obajpy é af }}$ йlıס ayjor，

 O，milre，7c．

Jr é úgre ya leayad，

＇S сри́ ya reabac．


Crossing o'er the river,
Returning to my father's land,
Hope of home told ever
I'd leap safe to the other strand;
Till, beyond the edges
Most suddenly broke down my guide !
Clinging to the ledges
I try to clutch him, crown or side. 0 maise! \&c.

First I heard a shiver,
Then shrieking shrieks I yelp aloud,
Calling, bawling ever,
For men to come and help him out.
And oh! the fearful danger
Of law came then, a vision stark,
Lest in court, a stranger,
I'd have to bear suspicion dark. 0 maise, \&c.

Searching stream and mud in
Further from the brink I draw,
Till, upon a sudden
In lucky ear I sink a claw.
Quick! quick! quick! and giddr,
Him up the bank I madly swept,
You'd have felt some pity
To see what tears I gladly wept. 0 maise, \&c.
" 'Twas the gold-haired maiden's Ale so fresh, so clear, so good, ${ }^{1}$ -
'Twas, besides its cadence,
The hot fire of a hero's blood-
$\mathfrak{Z u}_{\mathfrak{y}}$ Rórreać caplce,
’Say bapalle á luí aj cijjeaćt.
D'́át me a y ylarafb,
'Say lazan 'rmo conjyad am dijé! O, malre, 7c.

Do jlaodar ar alcme, Sá leara ba dúċcar lyn;
Béré ay leaciza, Do ćleaćd a befí conjaneać capp;
Do rabour ceallad,
Do rpalpar ya dúlle emio,
2) an a pépjoír m’ayacpad,

Jo larfapy a y-dúvea rije! O, malre, 7c.


Alpye calce, $^{\text {chen }}$
'Say jarpado óv Фúy a yíor;
21ヶ báb bar-ciallce,
Zar calaji bo píúbapl le Waopr,
'Say mayla, maprać,
O Lajcjonn as conjuam lyy. O, malre, 7 c.

Do lé $153^{\text {ac }}$ alryin diob,

Jup bao弓al oo Sballapb,

Séaplur macaotin,



1 Latten, a townland near Tipperary where the poet resided.
'Twas that Roche bereft me
Of sense (their cask was flowing wide),
Slipped me o'er, and left me
In mud and puddle growing-tight.
0 maise! \&c.
" List," I said, " 0 listen !
Who have our isle's inheritance, Fays whose soft eves glisten

For gentle deeds and merry dance, $I$ have broke church orders,

Me you've power to hold in fire,
Take me o'er your borders,
I'm very, very cold in mire! 0 maise! \&c.
> "She of rocks ${ }^{2}$ came fleetly,
> The first to soothe my withered breast, Brilliant Annia meetly,

> From dun with vassals hither prest ; Came White-palm (the ranger

> With Naesi over ocean bluè)
> Modest Grace, the stranger
> From Latten-land, came rushing too!
> 0 maise, \&c.

"Each of them 'gan singing
A pleasant song of higher glee:-
" When the leaves are springing,
The Gall ${ }^{3}$ will have to die or flee,
When the grass is blooming,
Arm'd hosts of friends will gather'd stand,
Triumph o'er them looming,
They'll come to free their Father-land.' "

Tapépr beji af meapúajad,
Ba jueayumap ay r马eal le mupoeatio,马aojojl le neapu land,
$2 A_{5}$ buapre a ćeany de deamay bupie!

## 


Fопп:-" Leabas ćlím 'r córouj̇e."
$24 r$ rméjoe púl ap majopon laop,
Do Phoébur foryin af fuad avt $\tau$ -
'Saj zeać ap d-zúr arzeac ya puje, Ha capbas aopbyy opta!
'Smé ap roúbal ap earbad puydy,


Jr falprligh foodba fóo-jlar.

 So mapдa máyze mapreac mī,

${ }^{1}$ This is supposed to be spoken by the bard himself.
${ }^{2}$ The strange and absurd desire which too many possess of changing harmonious Celtic proper names into what they wrongly consider to be English or Latin equivalents, is deserving of reprobation. Thus-Seaan is rendered John; Cormac, Charles; Diarmid. Jeremiah; Magnus (pronounced Manus) Manasses; Conn and Connor, Corny and Cormelius ; Donal, Daniel ; Donchadh, Denis or Dionysius (the Scotch more correctly changed it to Duncan, and in general preserve the sound of the original, thus-Maelcoluim to Malcolm, Domnal to Donald) ; Eoghan, Eugene; Uaithne (pronounced Oi-ney in Ulster) to Anthony ; Lorcan to Laurence; Fineen to Florence: Eamon to Edmund; Seamus to James, \&c. \&c. These names are

# After ${ }^{1}$ all my trouble, <br> What heart-delight, what beaming mirth, Soon shall come the noble <br> Brave Gael to drive the Demon forth ! 

## THE DELLS OF ORRERY.

seafin ${ }^{2}$ clarach yac donnell sang.
Air:-" A feather-bed and bed-sticks."
The drowsy dawn half-oped his eye,
A red ray shone across the sky, As o'er dim larn the sun rose high In chariot bright and golden !

I wandered then from sorrow free, O'er dale and fen of Orrerie, Thro' pleasant glenn and greenwood lea, 'Mong mossy trunks and olden.

Nor far or wide had been my way, Till lo! I spied the graceful fay, Of maids the pride with heart so gay, And show'rs of curling tresses!
almost all easy to be pronounced ; in those which are not, the orthography might be slightly modified, preserving the sound, thusDonach or Donacha (from Donchadh), \&c. The beautiful and sonorous names of persons could thus be retained, while there are many which require no change. Names of women-Finola, Moreen. Kathleen. Mauriad, Sheela, Nora, Shivaun, Eileen, Breeda, or Breedeen: Una (the barbarians have the audacity to transmute this beautiful name into Winnifred), Shineid, Annia, (from Aine), Mave. Elfie (from Aoife), Cliona, Saiv, and Saiveen, Grannia (from Grainne). Of men-Cormac, Oscar, Ossian, Finn, Callahan, Conn. Connor, Brian, Art, Diarmid, Eoghan, Kian, Luay or Lewy (from Lughadh), \&c. \&c. Such changes to suit the orthography of the

Télずm do rualjarcead eap clad，

＇S oo myear úrilaċe tialr oo＇y myaol， ＇S do beapuar mile pós d 이！

Jr é abúbape，ay mapre dib，

Jr cégm le clú＇rir aicir fiop，
Na slacalj̇̈де mo comaple！

Wj’l án yeać oúpy a yjar ać ring，



Créş do dúll＇r fav，ap rí，
Na paob mo ćlúrya marlaṫ rind，
 Dob＇a亡́
＇Sjur b＇é a бúbapre ay alive lyy，
 Na bépy av opúp＇roa ceanjall rupm， Ha reapc a myaol oo cóónapray！

English language，though they should not be necessary in this country，would at least be preferable to the complete obliteration of the harmonious ancient names．－Er．

Quick leaped I o'er the bramble screen, And bow'd before her beauteous mien, And prayed full sore from her my queen, A thousand sweet caresses.

Thus sighed my prayer, " 0 radiant sprite!
0 , branch most fair of beauty bright !
'Twill canse despair as black as night, If pleasantly you flee not."
"Come, seek some glade beside the sea, Whence ev'ry shade of woe shall flee, Or, peerless maid, 0 stor mo chroidhe! ${ }^{1}$ In life I'll shortly be not."
" 0 young man, panse-fair youth, beware !
For I must cause that black despair, Tho' there ne'er was a suit more fair, 'Tis all lost time and labour !"
"For sure you know that God above, Who made earth grow with dell and grove, Said long ago-' Thon shalt not love The wedded of your neighbour !'"

> 'Vulgo, " chree."

## SJle pyeqj wj Cbownolláatw．




2れ） Do biopa r马ay buppe am dall；
Coir Leamapy péaplać juyreac，
Na lupjoyy rya y－uple blá：

F゙ionea ajur furneayy bám，
Sjaca béfie rīie ayy，
2t）ap Sbjle Bheas Ni Chonnollap！
${ }^{1}$ In Irish Sj̄le beaz ni Chonnolla1n，pronounced＂Sheela veg nee Chonnellan；＂as the latter word has been long written in this modified form，I shall adopt it，but I see no reason for changing here the orthography of the first name．When words from foreign

## SILE BHEAG NI CHONNOLLAIN. ${ }^{1}$

william o'leanati ${ }^{2}$ sang.

Is our manuscript collection of Irish airs, the present one is ascribed to the celebrated harper O'Connellan, A.D. 1650, who is said to have composed it for a favorite child whom he loved and idolized, on account of her great beauty and amiability. However, about the middle of the last century, coarced by the penal laws, the Munster bards composed several songs to this air; but invariably changed the name to "Onomin Ni Choryollam." "Ovomin Ni
 laty," \&e., by which titles Ireland is allegorically symbolized. Two of these compositions will be found at pages 57 and 127 of the First Series of our Munster Poets; and another will be found in Hardiman's Irish Minstrelsy (Vul. I., p 221), with a sweet and close metrical translation by Mr. D'Alton, which the late Edward Walsh introduced from Hardiman into his volume of Irish Popular Songs, with a translation of his own. We should observe that, in almost all the political compositions of the middle of the last century, Ireland is personified by such endearing names as " Rórír Oub",

 present song, was a native of Kerry, and flourished about A.D. 1760 , but spent the most of his time among the O'Briens of Clare. -J. O'D.

> Alone, at red dawn early, I stood within the island bowers, Where Leam'an's ${ }^{3}$ stream flows pearly 'Mid wavy grass and brilliant flowers, Green earth gave fruits, unchary, And crimson wines they over-ran For me, from nymphs of Faery, Like Sile ni Connellan!

anguages are made use of, none are so complaisant as to suit their orthography to the English pronumention.

2 Now "Lenane," sometimes "Leonard," "Lennon."
${ }^{3}$ Now " the Laune."

Bhí caycuipy éaylaí bívy ayy,

Beaća'r сре́јїе milre,

Do deapcar rpépbeay yaopocayda ayy,

 Le Sjle Bheas Ni Chonnollan!

Bhí peapra yéaza nojl daj̇́,



Bbí dá ya 5 -caopu ray lizur,


Sjle Bbeas NíChonnollan!
Ba dear a déjompor dineać, Jay aoproe map jole ay blá ;
'Sa bara glégeal míve, 2yar rjod le cimple lána;
亏ay ryar a méapa caope, Jay ćaple jo bul ya m-bárィ,
 Sile Bbeas Ni Cbonnollan!!

Ba ̇̇дya a béal, ba c chopjearj,
'S ba mílre da mpla nad;
'Sa mala béayea a 5 -caple,

Nó man bappos le Címcjoll le fopad prapi;
 Le Sjle Bheas Hy Cbonnollan!

Bright flocks of birds sang sweetly
'Nid floods of flowers-their pleasant home!-
And in the stream-isle, meetly
I broke the golden honeycomb,
When lo! on brink-tree shady,
A child of glory on me shone,
With features like our Lady-
Our Sile ni Connellan!

In beauty white, this daughter Of graceful majesty was drest, Like swan's on azure water, The suowy radiance of her breast !
On her cheek, the crimson berry
Lay in the lilly's bosom wan,
And forth my love did hurry
To Sile ni Connellan!

Her teeth were small and pearl-like, And white as brightness of the blooms,
Her lustrous palms were fair like The downy silk from finest looms;
No gems nor 'broider'd glove or Red gold, her fingers glitter'd on,
0 ! in meanest garb I'd love her, Fair sile ni Connellau.

Her crimson lips beguiling
Spake words more than honey sweet,
And o'er her glad eyes' smiling
Were pencill'd eyebrows arched meet;
As if some artist loreful,
Twin bows with compass fine had drawn,
I'l ne'er leave for empire oreful, Sweet Sile ni Connellan!

Зay bladan imézfinn nopbyear,

 Lyom обб்е faol dulle feada; 2t) Fà colllze yó a $5^{\text {-culo oóv Sbány, }}$ 'Soo ćallear fépry mo ćpoode leaz, a Sbjle Bbeas Ni Cbonnollain!


 50 b-joceapr a bpollajる bapy;
 So rollreac 30 y-pomad fír,
'Sle reanc доб' rjénim oo ćlaolitr me, Q Shjle Bhews Wi Chonnollan!

Do mear y^ b-éatafímíne,

 Nó ropllre a 5 -cpyoreal cialj;
 Do bjoir a jomapbaid,
Sna 5 -cara b’élizion repijocas Do Shile Bbeas Wi Chonyollán!

Camall ésty poime rin, Do japlear zo b-paca rjapl;


Do mearar bétí ya $J_{\text {-colllee. }}$

So b-paca zaob lon rinue,
Sile Bheas 际Chornollap!

In truth, l'll lose all gladuess
With wasting love for her, the sprite
Who clings with yearning sadness
To Eire's woods and vallies bright.
My arrowy, piercing sorrow
Would vanish swiftly, blue-eyed one!
If far and free to-morrow,
With Sile ni Connellan!

Her clust'ring, loosened tresses
Flowed glossily, enwreathed with pearls,
To veil her breast with kisses,
And sunny rays of golden curls !
But grief has smote my bosom,-
My weary days lag 'neath a ban-
Through thy beauty, 0 white Blossom!
O, Sile ui Conuellan!

When the birds, 'mid branches twining,
Beheld her eyes, they thought them, sure,
Two rays of sun ! or shining -
Beams from the crystal pure!
When rose her sweet voice ringing, They strove to peer its mellow tone,
But were vanquished by the singing
Of Sile ni Connellan!

While o'er the bright stream glancing,
A moment ere her form I spied,
I saw her shadow dancing
Deep in the giassy, limpid tide,
0 , I thought a fay, the rarest !
Had playful 'mid the water gone,
Till I saw thee near, my fairest,
Bright Sile ni Connellan!
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Le zaicio zrépe caple，
Nó copule zne jlope an apo；
Ba jamul rméje a claon－pors， Do bíos 5 mé le cupre 5 ras：－
So patiar péalead jozajp，

Do buaju do ذivé mo ذival jiom， थ Sbjle Bhis Ni Chonnollan！

Wuapm minapar fép mo minoyać， Le milpeać do jopo le fínire；
 Nó b－jocear ya coplle ap lap：－
Do labajr fraocitap，fiocibat， Na lujbrens le oupe tr fearir，
So o－cajá Jaodal＇r laolpeach，
Chum Sbile Bho Ni Chonnollan！


Na rprear do féḟleac cjop－oub，

Hi方lacka don featr coloće，

 Cbum Sbile Bhos Ni Chonnollap！


Raćmup féple ap bippe，

Calain rap propbear，

＇S clayna 弓aodal 弓ay buyóncap， Gis Sjle Bheas Ni Chonnollan！

As sunburst thro' the blue air, Or lamp o'er ocean's azure tide, Her flashing glances flew there, And thrilled my very heart inside.
0 ! their's was all the brightness
That shines from hearen's starry van,
Their light has darked my lightness, ${ }^{1}$
Sweet Sile ni Conuellan.
I thought to win her graces,
And love-smile on that rosy morn,
In those green islet places
Beneath the shady forest thorn.
But she vowed with fiery fervour
To never graut her love to man,
Till rose her Strong to serve her,
Bright Sile ni Connellan !
"No foreign tyrant lover, Nor slave tho bends to him the knee,
Till judgment-day be over,
Need hope to win a smile from me!
Ill brook not lord in age, or
In youth, of whatsoever clann,
Till come the Gael to wage war For Sile ni Connellan!
"Then books and bards shall flourish, And gladness light the looks of all,
Then gen'rous Enights shall nourish Our olden fame of open hail.
Brave men and chiefs to lead them
Shall fash their spears in valour's van,
And glorious days of Freedom Crown Sile ni Comnellan."
${ }^{1}$ This play upon words is imitated from the original; indeed, the whole translation is almost word for word.-Er.

## Sť́n le cRuqzua.

## Seathan ocuatha ro Chtw.

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2才ac Cliaje caom! ir é do luadapm,














${ }^{1}$ i.e. the Mangaire Sugach, the "Merry Dealer"-Andrias Mac Craith (now Magrath). The poem which elicited this one was a towhing "Farewell to the Maig" by the Mangaire, and which is to

## FAREWELL TO CROOM.

JOHN O'TUOMY SANG.

## in reply to the mangaire sugach. ${ }^{\text {I }}$

Farewell-ah, for ever !-to thy brightness and thy mirth, Farewell from our priests, from the Noble of the Earth, Farewell from the Fair, farewell to thee from all! May it shield thee and shatter thy dole's gloomy pall!

Alas !-alas !-my bitter woe and sorrow, That the gentlest, ${ }^{2}$ the gayest, most generous of sages, The Singer of sweet song-now the chill tempest rages-

Should wander forlorn night and morrow !
Mac Craith ! 'tis to chronicle thy merits I have sought, Thou Master of Learning ! thou Thinker of deep thought! Beloved of the damsels! Oh, bard of snowy brow, Fit scion of Dalcassia's deedful race art thou! Alas!-alas! \&c.

Nigh green Maig river 'tis woeful now to stand, And list the lament of the dwellers in the Land, Of the people and the priests, of the lordly and the low, And see our maidens pine and their tears in silence flow. Alas!-alas! \&c.
'Tis cause enough for gloom and heaviness of heart, That a pure and pleasant poet was driven far a-part ; 'That a bard of songs so soft, they seemed sighings of the soul,
Should wander o'er bleak mountains in dreariness and dole! Alas!-alas! \&c.
be found in an agreeable little volume, with faithful and beautiful translations by the late Edward Walsh.-Er.

2 The alliteration is imitated from the original, here as elsewhere.

Seo＇y fíi，mo léay！o＇y д－zado do pual弓，




 2ljacr lacedo ba léadían luã ；



O ̇̇aplà béj்̇e at mépo reo y弓ualr，
Dábj̄ à pézr＇r céad yace luadapm；
Ni nan dup 弓éple＇r zeać ayuar，

$\mathfrak{2}$ ）о ді́ ！mo bүюи！ұс．
 glċ兀 fîlze réple béar＇r buas；




## Buacbullljobe locy－5arauanN．


$\mathcal{A q}_{\text {м majoy }}$ luay clyzcire，

Do baple rjaza caza ayd，

${ }^{1}$ The spirit of the martyr patriot is supposed to narrate the battle in which he fell to the poet，and charge him with the vindi－

But burning is my grief that such a worthiess blight, O'er frank and fiery qualities prevailed with so much might; That a maiden's smile should lure one to darkness and disgrace,
Who boasts the Poet's fire and the royal Irish race! Alas!-alas! \&c.

And yet-this has been since the earth glowed in green youth,
Lo, Paris of mount Ida to testify this truth !
And Ajax Telamonius for canse well-nigh the same
To battle and to die in a foreign land you came!
Alas!-alas! \&c.
And Aengns the Triumphant-but'twere weariness to tell
All whom forsake of womankind a gloomy fate befell;
Then wail not thon for ever thy falling from above, For mightier than thou have borne the penalty of Love. Alas !- alas! \&c.

0, Bosom-friend! may hardship recoil from thee apart, Be welcomings, and gladness, and feasts where'er thou art; Be thy lot ever cloudless! thy spirit ever gay,
And my Blessing be thy Shield against woe and ill for aye! Alas!-alas! \&c.

## THE BOYS OF WEXFORD.

> (A ballad of '98.)
michael og o'longan (of carrignavar) sang.
We saw, ${ }^{1}$ on Whitsun morning,
The foe camp in the glen,
With threats and gold suborning
They vainly tried our men;
cation of his memory, the touching reproof to the backsliders, and his blessing to his own ever-faithful birth-place.-Er.

Do buapleamaprya d-cןmćeall,
'S do lapamap ap o-zépıze,
马o b-aopbinn or a 3 -çony!
 Zuple ajur mile lacé;




 'S cuinf a y-депие ay lae!
 Nó reualte an çıy catr;

Sbuar a mears va b-peap;
julr map rjéal oo napmre,
So b-ful







'S leajb fitreayy fiony jeal,



'Wuapr o'adapyeamap ay 弓leó;



We struck with broad-sword glancing, With such might and skill entrancing, That, swift as necromancing, They vanished from their den !

From Ulster came two thonsand Armed heroes to our aid, As many in Connacht rouse and March with whetted blade, Scant our rest till we, defying, Had twenty times our foe sent flying, And left them many dead and dying, In blood at evenshade!

O, youth! if 'mid the Living They question of that day, And ask you how I've striven, And where I've passed away, Say, that none there battled bolder, That lonely now I moulder
Without mound of grassy mould, or Tombstone o'er my clay.

And say to Munster, sadly,
The fight had been less red, Had she mustered with us, gladly,

Who fought for her till dead!
Say, many a gentle maiden,
And child of brow unfaden,
Many a brave man low is laid in
The chill and narrow bed!

Poor Munster! soon mar high rents
And Famine blast your way,
With brilliant arms 'gainst tyrants
You feared to front the fras -


 Or pas d'adajy ay zepue leo!

## 

 páteralc Dent ro Chilv.Font:—"Seáan O’Oubin ay 5bleajna."


'S clayya zaol mo maply!
Lay do 5 ác claon!
$\mathfrak{Q}_{5}$ marlúzià Cbpiore le rjayal,


le zapracar zay ćéll!
Wion bjongras leir jo leajfad,
Rij comiaćcac móp ya b-placar,

'S спадinar da répr,
 Le mporbalr с́puajo cum rlaba, Wó fion-foyy buay cum cheaciza,
'S jay car opra ya ciabl

[^35]And now that we are stricken, And foemen 'round us thicken, God guard Leinster, who to quicken The fire, strove well alway!

## FAULTS AND FAILINGS.

PATRICK DENN SANTG.

Air :-"John O'Duyer of the Glen."
Whoso westward gazes
Upon the darkling hazes
That shroud the Gael in mazes, -
The dens of Sin and Guile, And sees Christ's mild laws broken, His name blasphemed-each token Of deceit aud high trusts broken Throughout the hapless isle, He will not, cannot wonder They fall GoD's just wrath under 'Neath sentences that sunder

All pleasure from their shame, That thro' their traitor kuar'ry The Land-once Star of Brav'ry-
Lies sunk in utter slav'ry-
A nation but in name!
differed from him in religion. He was a native of Upper Graigue, in the parish of Modeligo, in that county, and was the author of many beautiful compositions on religious subjects now collected in a small rolume, and published by us, as an Appendix to Timothy O'Sullivan's Pious Miscellany.-J. O'D.
＇Wuapli 亡uzalm fépy fo beapla，
 Fuace＇r fan 50 деalb，


Chum burpe r puajaí＇r cpeaciea， Do Ś́arad oprra le cealz，
＇S le 5 rany ap a mépu！




马o m－blas plà＇r réay 30 b－obayn，

Sad clanga 5 aol 50 polur，
Zpé juara ay Splopao Naopin．





Leaybaje Cbpiore yu b－flazar，

Ф＇aŋ raopáo 弓ać fépıy！
Dpuleajots дб́b reo fearea，


$\mathcal{A l v y ~}^{\text {y }}$ lár ceape bún $弓$－clépb！

$\mathfrak{H}_{5}$ clayya Sall po dalaz，

Bbún $5^{\text {－car ar }}$ 弓à cpépm！

How oft in pond'rings drearest I think on all thon bearest, My Land of Lands the dearest,

Thy scourgings, pangs and thrall-
Ah!'tis not now thou learnest, That tyrants plot with earnest Will, and purpose sternest

To waste each hill and hall.
But, then, I feel how needful Each son should strive with heedful, Tireless hands to cleanse the weedful

Minds thy foemen cause, ${ }^{1}$
Till winning back His blessing:
We'd see thy clanns progressing
To Weal and Wealth-possessing
Freemen's hopes and laws!

Ay, weedful minds! for quarrel, Brute worship of th' ale barrel,
Hatred and Envy are all
Too plenty here to-day,
'Mong brothers in blood and mourning,
'Mong children of Chpist who, barning
With anguish sought their turning
From paths that Heil-ward lay.
Forsake, my friends ! those bye-way-
Tread Love and Virtue's highways-
The securest and most nigh ways
To Liberty's bright goal!
And tho' stronger were the barriers
That in bondage keep us tarriers, God will guard and guide you, warriors !

And back your tyrants roll.

Ni fada uapm díb zeallajm，

Ca 兀еaŋ！＇r patian ba leajá， ＇马e lan் biojoulcatr Dé！
＇S clojoeati ya b－faobap da y弓eaprad，
＇Dir púza，bpapyre，＇r bapra，
 $2 l$ lár zepte $\dot{c}$ fropr！
Na diaj rin bejo ap lapa，
Ciejopom Cinjore fa pacimur，
＇S puapinear món ap zalam， ＇Wuapr ćárastr ay raojal！
马all ’r Zaojol ay feaca，
Fiadaple ćaoc ay captun，
Cujpeap tad a j－capcap， しayduble daol！




2）o comathle dérplt fearea，

Séayalj copocie ay peaca，


Bhír rále cum ya b－flatar，




＇S 弓ay bре́as af ay oneam ro aŋ mpre， ’Na lay pupe ar repra！

L! the Time of Times comes onward When shall flash your Green Flag sunward,
And all glances turning vanward
Behold The Mighty Hand!
And the Sword of Vengeance burning, For the scatt'ring-overturning,
The shatt'ring and the spurning
Of the robber Saxon band!
O'er Erinn withont measure
Will Peace stream back and Pleasure,
When's gained that highest treasure-
Bright, peerless Libertie!
The rank crime-weeds brought hither
By Tyranny shall wither
'Neath Freedom's sun-or whither
Their master's gone they'll flee.

Our glorious Land! no longer
Too weak to crush the Wronger,
The Stranger, once the Stronger,
Before her name shall blench.
Then quickly, firmly, rantless,
0 cleanse your lives, that vauntless
Ye may rank among the Damotless
Who strive her rights to wrench!
Make strong and rouse your brother,
Each wasting strife to smother,
Pray God's aid that our Mother-
Our Land may yet be free.
Recoil not, and the Vile Land
Shall quake to your and my Land,
And our own-our mich-loved Island.
Shine Star of Libertie!

## an Feqr BRÓWンCy D'éss a phósDq.


Da m-bjad ba a 5 ay 5 -cae 10 maji do fórfajde é,








 féap,
 raósal,

Ól ċaling dear do lear pán deappnad rú,




## A LAMENT after Marriage.

by tile sompowful man.

If the cat had cows he surely could wed himself high ! Ah! without them he who should be wed never need try; To the blear'd hag-daughter I vow'd last night to be true, And my own fair cailin-Heav'n knows what she'll do!

O, friends! what grief was mine when the morn shone above, To have wed with a wife whom $I$ can never love; Withont a rag on earch 'twere better to be, Than have sheep, three cows, and a goblin wife with me!

I could plough, and harrow, sow the seed in the ground, Drive cows where the sweetest, greenest grass would be found,
Shoe steeds, too, the swiftest ever went or came, And sure girls have fled with men who could not do that same!

O, fair girl! your gain may it ever prove a loss, 0 , heart perverse !-0 heart so hard and cross, May you ne'er hear voice of your cattle in the field, And justice unto you may mankind never yield!

## 

21 épr甲e Fóola olućnす，






Slapnce seal mo mínpmj，
 Slaり や゚ぶがとい！

## 1 ANOTHER VERSION．





Jun b＂é betit natanope，
＇S mumin mo céple，


Ma leprb betr am émom．


 lanlanlan！
 Slaptec 亏је．al mo mumnin，


Ir ésepr mo bext lyom，
 Césnam a bigle，

oho＇moa matal ro bemman，
＇S a majnтод sod＇ronera，
Velí bean elle a 5 am，

そういた

## THE CRUISGIN LAN. ${ }^{2}$

O, sons of glorious Erinu!
I've tidings of high daring
To brighten up your faces pale and wan,
Hearken closely ! gather nearer,
While in Gaelic ringing clearer
We will pledge them in a cruisgin ${ }^{2}$ lan! lan! lan!
We'll pledge them in a cruisgin lan!
Toast-chorus.
To the Brave be glory ever
Who cross the seas to sever,
Our chains, with their sharp swords drawn! drawn! dram!
Our chains, with their sharp swords drawn!

2 This seems to be the song of an envoy sent from the Irish Brigade with tidings of their intention to return to their native Isle; and is probably a kind of serces in "Ho! boys, grasp your glasses and fill up," \&c. at p. 117.-Er.

3 It is scarcely necessary (unfortunately) to say this is pronounced crooshgeen laun, and diguifes "a fill hithe jug" (in French cruche.)




Ba may lyom reab le dúl japy,
Jay chaona aj blapre ay ćpúrjig lay lay lay,
亏ay claona aj blayre ay çárbin lay! Olfamáo, ךс.


Séaplar ceape ra ̇́úpaje play!

Saop jay col a dúzpaopoe,

Le féple a m-befó ray 5 -cuárfín lay! Olfailsojo, ךc.



Slacać layp pa lán jpope

'S ólpan fearoa à chúpjin lan lán lay! 'S ólpam feapoa ay cpuarjin lay! Olfamaiolo, ךc.






2弓й olfan feapoa à cpúproin lán!
Olfantalo, $\ddagger$ c.

Through sorrows dark and dreary, Through journeys long and weary,

With heart that never 'blenched, I have gone,
From the Trusted and True-hearted-
Would to God! I'd never parted
The Brigade round the cruisgin lan, lan, lan,
The Brigade! boys, a cruisgin lan!

Heaven grant a waveless ocean, Southern gales of swiftest motion,

Till our king and his troops tread the lawn,
The thund'ring, brave, undaunted,
They'll restore us-much we want it-
Our Freedom! boys, a cruisgin lan, lan, lan,
Our Freedom in a cruisgin lan!

Young men whose hearts are eager To spurn the foreign leaguer,

And impatient wait for Liberty to dawn,
Prepare your guns and lances,
For swift the host advances
Of our king, all in battle order drawn, drawn, drawn, Of your king all in battle order drawn !

From our temples rent and riven The Saxon shall be driven,

Shall vanish from your gleaming blades and brawn,
And free throughout our sireland
The Irish shall rule Ireland,
To that day, then, a cruisgin lan, lan, lan,
To that day, boys, a cruisgin lan!

## OUOR OU AR 2UM1DJN DUJて.

## RISCCúk O O'bROIN RO CbIFT.

 Jr rocap do coolan! dú rmé 50 búbać,









 סam' čúmà.
方 10.










[^36]
# HAIL! O FAIP MAIDEN! risteard o'broin sang. 

> "Hail! O fair maiden ! this morning fair, 'Tis calm are thy shmbers and I in despair, Rise and make ready and turning our steeds We'll travel together to Munster's meads."

"Tell first thy christian and surname too, Lest what's said about Munster men might come true, They'd take me in joy and they'd leave me in rue To bear my kin's scora my whole life thro'."
"I'll tell, first, my christian and surname true,Risteard O'Briu from o'er Munster's dew, l'm heir to an Earl and to long towers white, And for me dies the child of the Greenwood-Knight!"
"If thou'rt heir to an Earl and to long towers white, Thuu'lt get rich maidens plenty to be thy delight, Who've peers as their fathers and hold the high cheer, Thou needest my humble sort not-Cavalier!"
"Come with me, and thou, too, shalt sit with peers, Come with me, and thou, too, shalt hold high cheers, Thou'lt have halls where are dances and masic old, Thou'lt have couches, the third of each red with gold !"
plicity of the language, it would appear, at least, to be about two or three centuries old if not older. The O'Breens inherited estates in the county of Clare in former times; and the bero of the present effusion may be of that race.-J. O'D.









## 2) $\mathfrak{A}$ )RE Byeat Do BMRRa.


 2lp mo lujje dam an mo leaba ir ope a bjm a̧ симй
 сродде 'yam.






Do pill me en meallad le bpacipa’rle fósad, Do 户̄̄l me cú meallad le leabapía'rle mópe;

 А 1 ) リи́sઠ mé.


 'Sir ró аоן
"I'm not used at my mother's to sit with hosts, I'm not used at the board to have wines and toasts, I'm not used to the dance-halls with music old, Nor to couches, the third of each red with gold."

O, might we go westward yon bright path o'er, With gold and with sun would our coach shine more, And sure 'tis not justice to grieve me sore, For long, long I'm heart-sick for thee, Mo Stor!

## FAIPY MARY BARRY.

O, fairy Mary Barry, I tarry down-hearted, Unknown to friend or kin health and wealth have departed, When I'm going to my bed, or l wake in the morning, My thought is still of you and your cruel, cruel scorning.

O, fairy Mary Barry, take counsel my bright lore, And send away the stranger from out of your sight, lore, For all his fine airs, there's more truth in me, love, Then come to me, mo croid'e ! ${ }^{1}$ since our parents agree, love.

I thought I could coax you with promise and kisses, I thought I could coax you with rows and caresses. I thought I could coax you ere yellowed the barley, But you've left me, to the New-Year, in sore sorrow fairly !
'Tis delight unto the earth when your little feet press it, 'Tis delight unto the earth when your sweet singings bless it, 'Tis delight unto the earth when you lie, love, upon it, But oh, his high delight who your heart, love, has won it !

[^37]Do jpubalfapy ay e－rpapo leat ap lajim a＇r me am aovap，

 Fivy，
 Fép me．

Do iuzar，＇roo iuzar，＇roo iu弓 me óm＇с́nopie ちreayy oul，
9an majopy la fejl 2才upe ya 5 －caproall pay ceampall；
Do rúling ba jlapre ya uprze ya y弓eamapica，




Da m－bejónvre am bavalepa d＇oplfivi oo babay，


I could wander thro' the streets hand-in-hand with my true love,
I would sail the salt sea with no fortune but you, love; My nearest and my dearest I'd leave them for ever, And yon'd raise me from death if you said "We'll ne'er sever!"

I gave you-0, I gave you-I gave yon my whole love, On the festival of Mary my poor heart you stole love!
With your soft green eyes like dew-drops on corn that is springing,
With the music of your red lips like sweet starlings singing :

I'd toast you-0, I'd toast you, I'd toast you right gladly, And if I were on ship-boarl I'd toast you less sadly, And if I were your sweet-heart thro' Erinn so wide, love, None could see-(here's your bright health)—so lappy a bride, love !

## ejnduj́v a Rájw．${ }^{1}$

品 éblin！a Rán！$^{\text {a }}$



 2）
$\mathfrak{Z}$ Éblin！a Rán！


 2l éblín！a Rúp！

Le cípréer＇r clú beatúżı

 Ql éblín！a Ráı！
Jr breázía＇ya Bbévur zu，
Jrálne 1）a péplejov cu， 2i）o Vélev zaı bépm ir cu， 21 ејbliv！a Rár！
2才）ィór，mol，mo с́aоィ ir eu，

 Q épbiv！a Ráp！
${ }^{1} \mathcal{C}_{\text {，bing }}$ a mund，i．e．，Ellen the treasure of my heart．This song is the composition of a Munster bard of the seventeenth century，whose name at present we are unable to ascertain．His object in writing the song was principally to excel the Connaught version，and in which，notwithstanding the fame of the author，Carroll O＇Daly， as a poet，and the soul－inspiring subject of his muse，he has suc－ ceeded．As the subject which gave rise to the composition is now

## EIBHLIN A RUIN!²

Air :-" Eibhlin a ruin."
Oh! I'm dazzled with love for thee,
Eibhlin a ruin!
To praise you is joy to me,
Eibhlin a ruin !
My Glory most bright and fair, My Solace thro' all life's care, My Jirth and my Gladness rare, Eibhlin a ruin!
O, nurse amid sorrow, stre,
O, Dore of the Wood, so pure, My breaking heart only cure, Eibhlin a ruin!

With thy frankness and spotless youth, Eibhlin a ruin!
Could you deceive my truth! Eibhlin a ruin!
More beanteous than Venus, far, More fair than the milnight star, My Helen without stain yon are!

Eibhlin a ruin!
My red Rose, my Lily white, My Treasure unfading bright, Darling! my soul's delight! Eibhlin a ruin!
so familiar to every lover of the mase of our country, we will only refer the reader to Mardiman's Irish Minstrelsy, vol. I., pp. 328, 356 , and to the Dublin Journal, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, (1858) where the legend which gave rise to the composition is ably related by Mr. O'Flanagan.-J. O'D.
${ }^{2}$ Pr. "Ne-yeen, or Ive-leen a roon," bat commonly written Eileen aroon. It means, "Eibhlin, O secret love !" The romantic

Raćpaidy zap raple leaz,



 Do blapkapy to béal jo blút,
 21 ejblin! a Rín


 $\mathfrak{A} \mathbb{E}_{\text {ןblin! }}$ a Rán!

Le ojozhalr eap beaca sufe, 21 ébliv! a Rapı!
Do lujofun ar leaba leã, Qleblin! a Ritp!




al réplejon matreac modanuil, Sul a m-bejopn bur bun-of-cjony,
 $21 e_{\text {ןblin! }}$ a Ran!
story connected with this beautiful air and, perhaps, those words is so well known that I shall cnlw repeat it briefly. The composer, Carrol O'Daly, was attached to a young chieftainess, Eibhlin Caranach, but, being ealled from the country, her relatives, who viere opposed to him, contrived to make it appear to Eiblinin that be was unfaithful, and prevailerl upon her despair to wed one of their friends. Carrol returned on the eve of the nuptials, and, wandering in grief along the sea-shor: with his harp, composed this air. Next day bing introduccil to the castle, disguised as a
l'd cross the salt sea with you, Eibhlin a ruin!
I'd ne'er—ne'er flee from you, Eibhlin a ruin!
What soft tales I'd tell to you, I'd taste your lips' sweetness, too, I'd sing, 'mid the falling dew, "Eibhlin a ruin!"
l'd bring you where rivers glide, Where green boughs o'ershade the tide, 'Neath music of birds to bide, Eibhliia a ruin !

A joy beyond life would bless,
Eibhlin a run!
Should I wed your loveliness,
Eibhlin a ruin!
My fond arm would circle you, My heart be your guardian true, Ne'er cailin were lored like you,

Eibhlin a ruin!
II beauteons Star, mild and clear, Sooner than cause a tear, 0 , Death-it were welcome here,

Eibhlin a ruin ! ${ }^{1}$
ininstrel, he sang to his harp (probably) the abore words. She recognised him and sent him a token, signifying that she was true to him, and that evening they fled together.-Er.
'Handel is reportel to have said that "he mould rather be the author of this air than of all the music he had ever composed. Eibhlin is symonymous with Ellic, as in an exquisite ballad by Dr. Campion of Kilkenny in the Cell for March, 1858--"ODwyer the Desperado"-Er.

> "He had no heart for human kind, For it was buried deep, Under a tree, Ellie-EllieWith your culd corpse asleep."
ejSD $\mathfrak{A}$ Bbean BbOCDD!









Cupfir. $\quad e_{\text {gro a beav boċe, }}$ Na bépc 'r 1) $e_{1 \text { г a beay boce }}$
'S bi caopl ly口; -
 Chafr oо ёfenopa fa colr, 2ly apmeab 2ublead,








 Egro a beay boce: 7c.

## SAD ONE, O HEAR!

As I ponderel alone by an old ruined tower, On the false sinful ways of the world, On the traitors who all for the gain of an hour Let their souls into ruin be hurled.
There neared me a maiden whose fair cheek was paling In grief, 'neath her bright tresses streaming,
A heart-grieving chạnt she was mourufully wailing,
"Shall the Gael aye in bondage lie dreaming.
Chorus $\quad$ Sad One ! O hear,
Wail not nor fear,
Sad One ! O hear
Us, around thee,-
We will chace thy fierce foe,
We will banish thy woe,
And in Freedom's fair mansion,
We'll crown thee!

I answered, " 0 heed not the dastardly faction, Whose lies our fair hopes would encumber,
We'll trample the Saxon and base Orange faction, And all of their black-hearted number.
For 'tis writ in the lives of the holy and sainted, (We'll trust in their prophecies glorious),
" Ere a century goes-our wild pray'rs will be granted, And the Gael be in Erinn, victorious."

Sad One, $O$ hear, \&c.

Bejo zárion yac meaza ya rulje 'Jupy;
 eaćapb,

 callead,


 Elro a beay boco! $7 c$.
 14.105,

Le ćéle read jlaypam va tjopica;
[imo.

2lé céadea co leajús pa fijue:-


 1)-a $11^{\circ} \mathrm{Ce}$,

emp a beay boct, Na bétc 'riba zol,
R.lle a bean boce,
'S bj caори linn;

Chulr to éréado fa colp,

Sbeabalr үulすe refo!

Round the ranks of the brave a bold phalanx shall rally, A-thirst for revenge and for glory,
And they'll chace the foul foe over mountain and valley, With a vengeance unheard of in story.
In their rage they will trample and tear them asunder, Could the Vengeance of Ages be sparing?
0 , while Adam's tribe lives, men shall whisper in wonder, The fate of the Saxons in Erimn! Sad One, 0 hear, \&c.

Not on hill-side or carn, our clans we will muster, But through the broad country we'll gather,
And heroes shall lead us, of fame's brightest lustre, Whose swords have stained lowland and heather?
Men nimble and bold, whose keen weapons of power Of foes shall clear mountain and valley,
Oh, the Gael shall rejoice in fair Liberty's bower, When once the bold pike-men shall rally.

Sad One! 0 hear, Wail not, nor fear Sad One! O hear Us around thee, We will chace thy fierce foe, We will banish thy woe, Aud in Freedom's fair mansion We'll crown thee!

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Fonn:-eamonn $\mathfrak{A n}$ Chnozc.







 $21 r$ mónce mín, boz cup, reolad fal foc, Sn rlan lem' jopt

# THE FAREWELLS. 

WILLiAM O'CONNERY SANG.

Are:-"Edmund of the Hills."
Whlman O'Connery, author of the present sung, was a native of Tipperary, and having been intended for the priesthood by his parents, had to repair to the Continent to complete his ecclesiastical studies, and receive Holy Orders, as the penal laws marle it incumbent on candidates for this office so to do. During his stay there he composed this song, and transmitted it home in a letter to his friends in Tipperary. After his ordination he returned to his native land, and was parish priest of Bansha in the year 1766. The original song of Camonn an Chnop, or Edmund of the Hills, to the air of which the present one is composed, is one of a very melancholy character, and has always been highly popular. It is presumed to be one of those airs begotten of "the last disgraceful century," and reflects, in its plaintive or rather desponding expression, the fate that had befallen the land and its people in that disastrous era. A short sketch of Eamonn, will be found at page 218 of our First Series. To the persecutions suffered by the Irish, and by the bards, who were particularly obnoxious to the party in power, we are indebted for many effusions of this sort.-J. O'D.

Farewell to the hills and farewell the gay glen, And farewell to thyself, Tipperary !
To Seamas and Seaan, ${ }^{1}$ two bright faultless men, My heart sends a hundred unchary. We used, long ago, to vault and to chace, And to run after swimming the river,
And o'er smooth springy bogs the foot-ball to raceHere's farewell to such longings for ever.




てa mo 户̆






Slay ćum da Cúlac mapa m－bjoc ay 5 peavy，



Do ćapll mé mo $\dot{\text { rubablul mo vault＇r mo lú̇，}}$



Slad cum ya 5 －clapa óraj me a b－play，



Slapme finda óm＇clable lab－cear＇r plat，

 Slay ćum cuplle dod’ ćómarpa；
Slay ćum mo ćamapy ea 5 －суoc ya cuppa， Slín＾万ur ficice oom’ reónać ：－


 Do rlanze eap mupr＇ทour olum！

Farewell to the river-my love, Lios na n-gall, ${ }^{1}$ To each green where we spent out our leisure,
To the high voice of glemns, ${ }^{2}$ to my countrymen all That we left in the old days of pleasure ;
My good health did flee since I came o'er the sea, They ne'er talk of the days of our childhood,
Of the goal, of the Gael, of the Brigid-tide ale $O$ farewell to my home and the wildwood!

Old Munster farewell, hill, valley, and dell, My friends fare ye well all together,
And to Culach for aye where we once were so gay, And could quaff, besides joy, a brave mether. My good health did flee since I came o'er the sea, They ne'er talk to me here of fair Maethill,
Tre lost the gay bound- the light foot on the ground, Since I left ye, blue Siuir and old Paehill !

Farewell the two Williams who mourn for me yet, And Patrick, farewell to you, surely,
Farewell to the priests whom I left with regret, Farewell to their words spoken purely.
O'Brian, with us here was thy health all the year, And each day drank with deepest emotion,
Farewell from my soul to the torture and dole, That drove the brave chiefs o'er the ocean.

My Philip, adieu! I've ne'er forgot you, And adieu to your neighbours and nearest, Adieu, too, I send to my hill-dwelling friend, And forty farewells to my dearest.
Till the dark floods abate that us separate,
I'll love thee with fondest derotion,
With hand on nay glass, here's to thee, sweet lass! "A bright health from over the ocean."
${ }^{3}$ The resounding echoes. \& Lios na n-gall, the fort of the stranger.

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Re plearab lao ya 5 -cpaob


 Na y-apur ljoriza jéap,
'Sab-feapapy d blre a realb dapice, Lapzaprong mo léad!

Do readaj lyny $z^{\circ}$ ере́位.

 'S cayzajublyy ya y-éay.


 D'af ocalbujead 'ray rfép.

Ba ćapoa cjopica a céjb,

 Ruz feap ya lopy oo'v Sbréts!


 'S ba cailce caply a déad.

## BESIDE THE LEE.

michat og o'longan saig.

Down by the branchy Lee, ${ }^{\text { }}$ Ere dawn I chanced to be, While roving slow, o'er earthly woe, A musing mournfully:-

> How ruin did efface
> The flower of Gaelic race, The noble Gael-who now bewail
> Their home a desert place.

Thus lonely and downcast I muurned o'er the past, While warblers made in the emerald shade, Their music sweet and fast.

When gently at my sideA ppeared a queenly bride, Of fairer grace in form and face Than aught of earthly pride.

Her curling tresses greet Her small and gentle feet; The golden fleece - the prize of Greece, Might shame those locks to meet.

Her eye-brows dark and slight O'er-arch her eyes of light, And balm-fire tips her tuneful lips, Her teeth are marble white.



'Soa リabalijy ay jélr!
Ba zaya zhojj̇e caom,
Le’ $\quad$ meallá mile laoć,
 Na pacalaljeá ay béf́!

Faćapri sjoznalr rjépl,
Do'v alybin min-ealr $\tau$-rém,



Nó alad mín va $5^{-c \mu a o b}$, Do car anír a $5^{\text {-cépy, }}$
Car Fanjibe 50 Feapay JR,
Le reafic do Naolr eap ád.
 Ni yeac oo'y bulojy rin mé, 'S me bear mic Coll ya leabar roriob, Ba jaroa, zлорண்ap, је́ap.

Seal dam aopr da épr,
 Ir map riv bior 50 rearja 1 r riodad Jup ̇aproll Sapll fiolm סeopy!

Her bosom's pearly light Than summer clouds more bright, More pure its glow than falling snow, Or swan of plumage white.

Proud hosts would follow fast As brown leaves in the blast, Had they but seen the heavenly sheen, Where she had softly past.

I sought of ber to name The bright land whence she came, Her name and race, her biding place, The story of her fame.

Was she that swan so fair, Of clust'ring branchy hair, Who came in grief with Ulster chief, To meet her dark doom there,

With grace she answered me, "Not Deirdre dost thou see, But e'en the wife of Mac Coill of strife, And deeds of chivalry.
"I're bided since his fall, In mighty Milead's hall,
'Mid joy and peace that ne'er did cease, Till came the heartless Gall.

## 2uajRByNe














 ya peapr ap dí a bapdééple,



Nó mar jépr ap rlearapbzoty, a5 cayzupl ceól le yeam- $\dot{\text { quny }}$;



[^38]
## A CAOINE

BY FEILIM MAC CARTHY FOP HIS CHILDREN.
I'll sing their caoine, ${ }^{2}$ if I can, My loving ones, my heart's dear clan, ${ }^{3}$ Since, o'er all men, I'm lorn to-day, I'll sing their caoine mournfally,

Weak my stay of life e ermore, My heart, dread death has wounded sore, I'm lonely-lonely in the Land, No kindred now aromd me stand,

Since I must tell, thius left behind, The Cause of Tears with darkened mind, Since sick my bead to-night with woe, My roice, too, faint and trembling low.

Ah, not so sad the young bride's heart, Or hasband's when their Loved depart, Like nest-less bird's my bitter lot, Wailing the young that they lived not.

Or like to swans the wares among, When singing their unwilling song, As death comes nigh them and more nigh, Singing their dirge with piteous cry.
as literal as almost could be given in prose. resolving rather to let elegance of style suffer, than to veil from the reader ore of poetoutlaw's touching thoughts. To properly appreciate it, therefore, it must be read in the original, where beauty of style and thought are combined.
${ }^{2}$ Pr. keen-ye, a dirce.
3 Which signities "children" as well as "tribe."

Cappapra lem' nae 50 bpate, ceól yac byy $5 a \dot{c}$ áy la;
 cappread fépy mo ćéad clayy!

Jr сүеá lyom Ceallacian a 5 -cjll, eaob pe Copmac cosar mij;
 movurpfólacayaon feapr!








 le Riojoajo calma Scpera;


 ba puo a 75 noodal 5av ampur;



Ba byy lyom a yslón aj zeace,
 cé béarfar oam falle dín fóz, of mapb jaO fáa aOD fóo!

I'll sing each day until my death, A lay which never sweetness hath, Since I am worn, and weak and drear, l'll sing their dirge, my children dear.

Ah grief! in clay lies Callachan, By Cormac's side, my kind-voiced son, Anna and Maire, ${ }^{1}$-ah, my own White Loves, are 'neath the same chill stome.

My children four without a stain, Few the good gifts they did not gain, Wound of my bleeding heart for aye, To weep them all in one brief day !

The flowers that came of Eber Mor, Dear Erinn's prosp'rous king of yore, Are gone in vigour, youth and bloom, Unchanged, from me into the tomb.

They came not of a craven brood, From Scythian chieftains flows ${ }^{\text {d }}$ their blood, Dillead's ${ }^{2}$ offspring, near and far, Their kindred brave, in truth, ye are.

The Spaniard-kings of sharp blue spears, Were kin to them, and scarce their peers,
To them were Sacsan's ${ }^{3}$ kings allied In other times, when that woke pride.

Sweet their cries, whene'er I'd come, Gaily running to greet me homeWho hence shall kiss or welcome $m e$, Since they lie low! -mo cipojód mo ćpopole!

 do leavfupy


 do dopre frapa déap any riv,


Jr cópa dambar caol 50 oúbać !

 ’rmáaן De maŋ fīnéd.

Njol féa dyujRe, maiajn Dé, ap b-ғaiçıウ a mic bá ollbéptr);



 an aprizeac a'b-pép moynap! oá y-délr ir mé ay zpear cpuaj!

 mo ċeaťan cád bo capllear pad, a до́mepre uaprear ál piay!
 mo ćlayy am ímcioll 30 m -bejoír;



Unless I lookt on Christ's keen thorns, His anguish, wounds, and bitter scorns, I'd quickly join them in the clay, Or it would wring my sense array.

On seeing Lazaras lie low,
Christ mourned for him in saddest woe; With weeping tears his sight grew dim, Yet He was far from kin to him.
'Tis more just, I should darkly weep, And mourn for life in grief most deep, After my children, my beauteous Four ! As She, the Virgin, sorrowed sore:

Mary could not refrain from tears, As though her heart were torn with spears, When He was crucified and scorned, "Twere shame I'd mourn not when she mourned.
'Tis $I$ hare lost my kin most near, 'Tis $I$ am robbed of all most dear; In the narrow house of pain, I lie Thrice woeful since my loved did die.

In hushed midnight of heary sleep, Ah, plandered heart! ah, ruin deep! My stainless Four, I lost them all, In one short moment, 'neath the pall.

And I used think when grey age frowned, My children dear would gird me round, Ah! not that unto death they'd go. And leave me here to heartless woe!
 da d－zuzar reapc mo ćéad mán； or mé ba fine ya pab， 1r dam ba óleaće ay ćéat may？


yár léts lyompa cúr ya plize，

 ir uajzyeac mé pe camall；
yَ byy lyom ouav ya bán， ir cormál mé le b－amadan！
 とapm $5^{\text {an }}$ ćépll，弓ay zoppbane；的 eajal lyom an bar oam foror

$\mathfrak{Z y}$ am ruapy，a meóday of oce，
ir boće bjómpe as eazenolye ； mo ćlany ó mo ċomatl a万 reač ； o＇parpajo ofm zluapreact？
 ní r马apalo momay and ball；
 5o leayfad 1 a paym－bél lpc！

 ir zearpr jo macao leó ran e－rlís．


To me my children's love was due, (I gave my whole heart unto you) Since I, too, was more aged than they, 'Twas meet, respect to me they'd pay.

Yet, woe is me! they've left my side, Close by my heart they would not bide, Nor let me first the Dim Way pass, Because that I have sinned-alas.

Small my care for sport or rhymeI'm very lone, this little time, Not sweet to me is harp or "rann," I wander like a sense-less man.

Gone my fairness, ${ }^{1}$ gone my streugth, 'Tis I am broken down at length; Death's face alone I care to see, Since my fair offspring went from me !

In hushed midnight of heavy sleeping, When I am watching, sobbing, weeping, My children glide before my woe, Praying that I would with them go!

I see them in the night-time ever, From me in no place do they sever; At home, abroad, still near are they, 'Till I go with them into clay.

Sweet to them that visit made !Dear to me each Sun-like shade!'Tis soon I'll follow on their way, With God's most blessed will, I pray.

[^39]
## Ir leam ir chuaj fa rjior at beaty，    <br> Jr equaj lyorn a lama jo laj， <br> ó befí a丂 bualad a bay julac ；  

 ir $\ddagger$ do éapll a cuallaće，




 A y－éfuc ár mo ćumayn！

Sleavy à a ap ó ro ruar， balroim alr 30 bí buay， yepio ay fejll oo pin orm，


War fapce zriay le polur glan， かれれ ojombád rép oo riop ya cópr， どи弓 mé 5 ay nolr am 「とayón！
${ }^{1}$ It is the custom of the people，especially the women，to strike together their hands，when in great sorrow．

> 2 "'Tis she o'er all of Erinn's daughters Has seen the ruin of slaughters."

Callanan has thus translated it，and his note，telling the reader that it is almost word for word，will also explain why in my trans－

Woe is me her dreary pall,
Who royal-fondness gave to all;
Whose heart gave milk and love to each, Woe is me, her plaining speech.

Woe is me her hands now weak,
With smiting ${ }^{1}$ her white palms, so meek,
Wet her eyes at noon, and broken
Her true heart with grief unspoken.
I wonder not at her despair,
'Tis she has lost life's help, most fair, 'Tis she, o'er all of Erinn's daughters, Has seen the ruin of woeful slaughters! ${ }^{2}$

0 Glenn! which saw my heavy loss, And all my joy didst darkly cross, God's malison fall on thee, dread, In eiric ${ }^{3}$ for my darlings dead.

Gleann an air, the "Slaughter-glenn," Be hence thy name amongst all men; Venom-treason thou'st done to me, And now accursed shalt thou be!

May thou ne'er see the sun or noon,
May thou ne'er see a star or moon, For that thou'st seen a deed of tears, Which makes me old before my years.
lation I have adopted his lines, with the addition, however, of an adjective which is in the original. It is needless to say that after Callanan's elegant version, I would have been sorry to attempt another, had he been equally faithful throughout, or even had his copy given all the poem. Many of the stanzas above translated are not in the poem he so beautifully versified.
${ }^{3}$ A fine or amercement inflicted on whomsoever caused the death of a person.

Wap rapce yead apr 30 bpat,




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\mathfrak{U l}_{\mathfrak{y}} \mathfrak{F e a p z - l a о 1}
$$

Ca mapb ray b-ғеape ro rraji do ċlapyy Cbaprخ $\mathfrak{c} 15$,
Ba jeapampad reajo, ba mapre do fíol Moajm; $\mathfrak{Z}$ y-ayamya ó rjap bejo fearea riózćayda, Na y-apgziollajb zeala ap b-allá ay





 3o blúi ;



May never eye behold in thee, Flowers, thick-grass, or leafy tree ; Decay of growth by slope and river, Be thine for ever and for ever!

THE TOMB-LAY.
Mown down 'neath this tomb lie the Flowers of Clann Carrtha,
The Purest of hue, earth's adornment each morrow ;
May their Spirits gone forth know peace and not sorrow, Bright angels the heav'n-king's radiant halls thorough.

My redd'ner of sight, my joyless heart's plunder, Strength of my ruin, my misery's pander, Is :-that lifeless for ever my bright Four lie under, The grey carn afar, from my sweet friends asunder.

The grief-cause that darkens my light, now for ever, And strengthens the death-sighs that thro' my heart quiver, Is :-that I, the dark grave with my pure Four can't share With Mary, Ann, Callachan, and Cormac the fair!

## zRejone ejrjown．

 ul Shullulouhild ro Chelw．





Na mapte do djol，ga pajll ya j－cépr ba mó，




گace bodać djob to bí 弓ay béapla beopl，
 baca mity，ya aoproe fae ya m－bpóf，${ }^{2}$


Na ap caple ay juyちa，rioda，stays ya cloak，「すapt da frappre upme，crape 私 próll，




 ay zay do badap 5 aojoll a y－ $\mathbb{E}_{\text {Miny }}$ beó！
${ }^{1} S_{5}{ }^{1}{ }^{1} 5$ ，sometimes means the neck．
${ }^{2}$ In this verse reference is made to the high－heeled shoes worn about 1750 ．
${ }^{3}$ Sometimes spelt Heber．${ }^{4}$ In Erinn alive，or in＂Living Erinn．＂

## THE ATTRIBUTES OF ERINN.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { DIARMID MAC DONAILL MAC FINEEN (THE SLENDER) } \\
\text { O'SULLIVAN SANG. }
\end{gathered}
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0 , such things were never known in the days of Eibirs Mor, North or South, East or West, from the centre to the shore, Men paid not half their taxes with the butter! long ago, When the true and gallant Gael were $a n$-Erinn beo! ${ }^{4}$

They never trudged to market with the lean or with the grease,
With the calves or the hogs or the eggs of hens and geese, Ah, the milk soured not in crocks, but most plenteously did flow,
When the true and gallant Gael were a n-Erinn beo!
Not a churl writhed his mouth with the suaky ${ }^{5}$ English tongue,
Nor lounged with silken collar where a hempen should be strung,
And those hard and hideous hats !-they'd have made them "scare the crow,"
When the true and gallant Gael were a n-Erinn beo!
Old women did not swagger then in satin scarf or cloak, Nor tighten up their whalebones till they seem about to choak, Faith! bonnets like straw barrels never-never were "the go," When the true and gallant Gael were a n-Erinn beo!

Then each scandal-chatt'ring hag had to mind her own affairs, Each lazy sluggish clown dared not give himself such airs, But digg'd or gathered sticks and at wages very low ! When the true and gallant Gael were $a n$-Erinn beo!

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 af eacajb ruljio'r frapyre fae ya o-zóy;
jeallajm díb, jo fion, yár b'é ba yór,


 bpac ay djola, yí ba céearza leó,





${ }^{1}$ The poet does not intend to cry down those who distinguish themselves by manly industry and honourable perseverance in labour, but solely those who started up to insolence and riches by betraying their country, and proving false to honour, freedom and friends.-Er.
$\pm$ Another name for Erinn.

None made a snuff-pit of his nose nor dyed his throat with tea,
Nor flaunted a silk handkerchief to blow his trumpet wee! Nor fan had any woman but the breeze that heaven did blow, When the true and gallant Gael were an-Erinn beo!

Lo ! each silly snob that calf-like now sucks his little cane ! Lo! each yellow woman of them all, with bigger purse than brain ;
Their "poor dear pas" before them as mere cow-boys used to go,
When the true and gallant Gael were a n-Erinn beo!

Those gentry, who so grand ? who are seated now a-horse, Were trenchers of the black earth and cutters of the gorse, By the right hand of my father ! you'd not touch them with your toe, ${ }^{1}$
When the true and gallant Gael were a n-Erinn beo!
But that Flag which o'er our Bravest spread red ruin in the North,
O'er the whole of Innis Feilim, ${ }^{2}$ like a cloud is now hung forth,
Ah, Flag of Gloomy Change-thou hadst caused most bitter woe,
When the true and gallant Gael were a $n$-Erinn beo!

When the true and gallant Gael were alive in the Land, Fame was fanned and flourish'd and the deeds of heroes grand, Sages and sweet poets saw a brilliant guerdon glow ${ }^{3}$ When the true and gallant Gael were a $n$-Erinn beo!
${ }^{3}$ This is no false praise. Never was literature so cherished as in ancient Erinn; in one county Dunnagall, the rental of the lands bestowed on the Ollavs, or Doctors in Learning, was equal to $£ 2000$ a year, of the present currency.-(For proofs, see Annals of the Four Masters, or Irish Penny Journal, vol. I., p. 229.)

 y’l ajam im le diol ya гңéada bó,






## aH FREqSR291).


 ba larimap ljoymap laoj̀e 'r léfjomy jo leóp,











[^41]But I'll cease me now from landing their chivalry so gay, Sure-manly dauntless actions were as deeds of every day! No hogs have I nor butter, and henceforth I must go (For what were even heroes now) under never-ending woe!

Unless it pleaseth Christ our Lord to smite the Fiend at length,
And restore unto our Mother-land her Freedom and her Strength,
To scourge the ghastly Gall ${ }^{1}$ from our sullied shores and, oh ! Bring the true and gallant Gael back a $n$-Erinn beo!

## THE 'REPLY'.

CONOR O'RIORDALN SANG.
When the true and gallant Gael were alive in the Land, The lays were lightning-flashes, the lore a blazing brand! Prosp'rous, bright-eyed princes met the bards with honour grand,
When the true and gallant Gael were alive in the Land !
0, gracious were the Chieftains, the Pure of deeds and might, The scatt'ring, shatt'ring Spears of Truth, the Shields of valour bright!
Most beauteous, gentle, generous, each maiden was and bland, When the true and gallant Gael were alive in the Land!

Ah, did our fathers live the life, those flashing Gems of yore! The Sire of all the Munster land, the dauntless Eogan Mor, Mac Airt, Mac Cuinn, or that high host, the fearless Finnian band,
They would drive like shiv'ring sheep the gaunt Gall from the Land!
the most odious that can be applied, for it supposes half-idiotcy, or traitorous villany.-Er.

##  <br>  



${ }^{1}$ Conn of the Hundred Battles ascended the throne, A.D. 122, died 175. The following is an account of his rivalry with Eogan, abrilged from an excellent work "The Battle of Magh Leana," published by the Celtic Society, 1855 :-

Eogan Mor, having been defeated in the battle of Cloch Barraighe, sailed with the remnant of his army to Spain. He left Great Beare Island utterly in the beginning of August, and after a voyage of nine days reached that country; the monarch welcomed him. and permitted him and his troops to reside in the west of his territory, allowing them free quarterage. The noble mien and qualities of Eogan won the king's heart, and he gave him his daughter Beara in marriage, by whom a son and two daughters were born unto him during his banishment, the son was named Oilioll Olum, and became afterwards one of the most celebrated of our ancient monarchs. The soul of the exile began to weary of that foreign land, and at the end of nine years he so longed with a filial longing to look upon his Father-land, that he communicated his desire to Elear the king. At first the monarch attempted to dissuade him. but, seeing his sorrow, he commanded that his own son and heir, Fraoch Nileasach, should accompany him with 2000 warriors, Spaniards, and foreigners (allmunalj). They landed on Inis Greagraidhe (called since Great Beare Island, Inis Beara, in honour of Eogan's queen). On invading Munster, he succeeded in obtaining pledges from its principal chiefs; two kings of Ulster (UlAס) also allied themselves to him, and soon the whole island, except Connacht, revolted against Conn. He soon acceded to a division of the kingdom, hoping to recover all when Eogan's foreigners would depart. Fifteen years rolled by, the foreigners sought to return to their homes. Eoghan, however, having perceived the falsity of his rival, wished to decide the matter at once, sought for cause of war against the Northern king, and found it easily enough. He complained that an equal division of steeds, arms and armour had not been made, and demanded it ; Conn refused, saying this was not contemplated by the treaty. Nine battalions of warricrs marched with Eogan to Kilmore Wood, King"s County, crossed the Eiscir Riada, or dividing mound, and encamped on the heathy plain of Leana. The king's many-coloured pavilion was lifted on a smooth hill, and three strong duns built outside the camp and garrisoned by the foreign troops. He of the Hundred Fights then advanced his many-coloured banners

# 0 , did they live the life again those hero-hosts, so gay, Who fought with Conn ${ }^{1}$ the hundred fights, with Eogan urged the fray, 

Or had we here Turgesius' foes, or chiefs like them to stand, We would give the gloomy Gall a deep grave in the Land!

towards Magh Leana, and sent messengers to Eogan,, offering him the royalty of the whole Island with the exception of Tara, Teffia, and Connacht. These terms were rejected by the Southern king, who wished for Tara; and, despite the opposition of his councillor chiefs, he caused the messengers to be executed for expressing their feelings in favor of Conn with too great warmth. On hearing this at eve, all hesitation left Conn; he burned to revenge this etil deed, and determine on a nocturnal assault ; an expedition to surprize the enemy by night was not pleasant to the brave Irish chieftains; but, in consideration of their inferiority in point of numbers, they gave assent to it. Conn then called together his leaders, and gave each of them to choose which leader of the foe he would oppose, ex. : "which of you shall ward off from me the seven sons of Sigir ?" said Conn. "We are they," said the three destroying sons of Connall. At early dawn they surrounded the dun of Fraoch Mileasach, who, surprised in his sleep, rushed to the fight in his embroidered shirt of many derices, and was slain, after a short brave struggle by his mailed and armoured foes. Their shouts of triumph awoke Eogan Mor and the main body, who also were assanlted ere they could fully arm. The fierce battle began. "Forth came the seven firm-advancing sons of Sigir from the van of Eogan the Brilliant's army, with heavy, powerful, terrible anger, till they reached the very centre of Conn's army, and they cleared broad passages, and cast open immense portals in that crimson irruption, until they were encount ered by the three valiant defending sons of Connall. It was Ceidghin (and his troop) who first sustained their shock; and he spent his might on Sigir's sons till each of these heroes had wounded him, and he them. Bitter wonder seized the children of Sigir, that the strength of one man should grow and increase against them thus, and they inflicted seven wounds together on Ceidghin. Ceidghin perceived and thought that his tribe was not strong to press on the friends of Sigir's sons, and that he would not prefer that his kindred should have to sue them for his eric, to avenging himself upon them then; and he dealt them seven gaping, horrid wounds, so that each were a door of death in one year's time. To his succour came then the other two sons of Connall (and their troops). They strongly pressed the fight, for they were the freshest and soundest for thrusting, till the spear of each foe was harmed in his opponent's body
by the hot-boiling of the blood distempering them. Yea, until those which were not harmed were broken, so that there were fragments, wood-hacked, flesh-soiled conspicuous splinters in the warriors' bodies. The sons of Connall then lifted up their spirits, and their combat above their antagonists. They dealt battle wounds and a manly, powerful, beating of thick, heavy, terrible blows upon those brave men. They desisted not from striking and ever-beating till they left the corses shattered and hewn of those seven gallant champions after having severed their heads from their bodies." The Irish narrator proceeds to describe in most poetic and elegant terms the severity of the battle and the chivalry of the chieftains; at last, Eogan Mor met Conn, and each wounded the other, so that Conn feil to the ground; his fall was a signal for a general rush to his rescue, and Eogan the Great was slain. "Lay down the hero-warrior," said Goll Mac Morna, whom also he had wounded, " his death was not the death of a coward."

A curious confirmation of the authenticity of this history is to be found in the fact that there still exist descendants of those dauntless warriors, not only in Kerry, near where Eogan Mor landed, but also in Sleant món yép of Tir-Eoghan, where they always have preserved the tradition of their coming from Spain. Without a knowledge of ancient Irish history, this would seem improbable to the ethnologist, for their name Sigerson or Segerson, and they have always maintained the "Son" among themselves in preference to the Gaelic Mac, points at once to their Norwegian descent. It is easy to account for their having been in Spain, as the adventurous and fiery spirit of the Northern Sea-kings carried them further than that. Probably the "small" or petty king, Sigur Sir who left Norway for the Orkneys, or some of his relatives, made an irruption into Spain, touching at the north of France, (where, I am informed, live another tribe of Sikersons, the $g$ being changed to $k$ to preserve the hard sound), breaking down the power of the feudal nobles, and freeing the trampled serfs for a time, as was the wont of the Vikings. As a corroborative proof of these views Eogan Mor's 2000 auxiliaries are mentioned as being composed of Spaniards and foreigners, or more correctly, men from beyond the sea, (all $\dot{m} u$. mat $\overline{3}$, i.e. anall, from the other side, hence all, beyond, and muln, the sea).-Er.

## APPENDIX.

Oun Irish readers will not find fault with us for giving them this sheet without the aid of an English translation; and we hope the time will soon arrire when Irisbmen will be able to read and translate for themselves any compositions they may meet with in their mother-tongue. Collins' translation of the Escile of Erin, the authorship of which some claim for George Nugent Reynolds, whilst others ascribe it to Campbell, is so popular in Muster that we give it the first place in our Appendix Sheet.

## an DjBEarcbact o ejpinn.







2Dap a j-cayad pe le bjoziap á chope pergat оре́ać po.
Buad ajur гnépe leacepre 50 braí!






2Van a m-bjod mo fijprap ob rion-čleacea paop ċlear,
 dízléarad.
'S 1y bunllacao a cénod an eque 50 bprie!






 baojal oam,
Óc! mo loma luapy! yi luarjzfead mo jéaдa,

 jlapr,

 opm,



 real!







 própres,
 ceólìnゥ


# 2u) 0 Sbljubl 5.Cuq. 

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##   blá ya féple ár cpacb ya raojée 

1 Donfchidn (now Denis) Mac Grath, the subject of this elegy, was a native of Cuap an fiona, (Tourancena) a small village in the parish of Sliabh g-Cua, in the county of Wateriord. The village took its name from the large quantity of wine used at his table, and freely administered to his guests, the bard, and the traveller; his house, as was customary in Munster, being open to all without dis. tinction of rank. He was possessed of large property in the parish as well as in various other parts of the comntr, which fell to his son James, who went by the name of Séamur mac Sonnċà, or James the son of Donchadh, who resided at a place called Ballynagulky, in the beginning of the present century. This after his death fell into the hands of his son, another James, who died about the year 1816. The Magratins are very numerous in this parish, and as a body are very respectable and wealthy. Moran, the writer of the elegy, taught classics at a small village called Knockbee. He was the author of many beautiful compositions in his mative tongue. His manuscripts are now in the hands of Doctor John O'Coanor, of Jolland's Prairie, Washington County, Wisconsin, America. At a recent book sale here we purchased his copy of O'Brien's Irish Dictionary, with the following note in his hand-writing on the margin of one of the leaves-"Hic Liber Pertinet ad Gulielmum Mioran, Anno Domini 1i74." He was the contemporary of Donnchadh Ruadh mhic Commara, who thus alludes to him in Eachtra Griolla an Amallain:-


William Moran the bard and sage,
Who would chaunt my death-song when laid dead on the table.
A poetess named $y_{n}$ ane $11 i$ Ohonōin, was contemporaneous with Moran, and resided in this parish also. Her compositions are not so numerous as those of Moran's, but such of them as we have

Bar jay bréas ir léan do milejb,








21 copmepll coranead porea ray jontull,
 a copuejll plana ba puaj do dibure.

弓ać ló zeal zo эео́pać á ćaорие!
 'r 弓ay fíplaco le b-ainapic ofe cóplóce!

Do cómsur zo bpónac 10 fion ray,

до luct leadea zay eapmup ódíy ope,

seen prove her to have been of the highest order among the bards of her time; and Munster at this period yielded a large crop of those gifted men.-(See Poets and Poetry of MIfnster, 1st Series). There was also another poetess named Lucas, who was no less gifted than Donogan, but her muse was entirely deroted to keening at wakes, of whish she made a regular profession, and earned a sufficient livelihood by it. The compositions of those poetesses must be traditionaliy retained in the parish; and if any one would take the trouble of their collection, an opportunity may offer of leaving them on record, instead of dying away as they are now likely to do.

2 cta-Chapmic, Kilkenny, which takes its name from St. Canice, who founded a Cell there in the sixth century.
${ }^{3}$ Alier rolur-erob, bright-handed.

a b-ánur ealam rleacea do flympeap;


 majr a m-bjo ceólen 'r oll'r ríonea;







 rlab 5-Cua fa món-rすamal baorrre





${ }^{1} C_{j} l l-b e j=n e, ~ K i l b e n n y, ~ n e a r ~ M i t c h e l s t o w n, ~ t h e ~ a n c e s t r a l ~ i n h e-~$ ritance of Mr. John OMahony the Irish exile.
${ }^{2} 5$ silliee, the Galtee mountains near Caher.
8 5usinne, Guaire Aidhne, the hospitable king of Connaught in tho seventh century. See Tribes of Ireland, p. 40, n.
"Siun, , the river Suir.
${ }^{3}$ gitre or 5 leann $\pi \cdot$ h-ainne, a small river which runs through Ballymacarbry, and falls into the Suir near Neweastle.
${ }^{6}{ }^{6}$ Fing-porc, the river Finisk, which rises at the north-west side of the mountain called Cnoc ins Síe; or Knocknasheega, running through 2nume antereabilc, or the hawk's plain; Ballinamult, where Mr. Denis Keily owns extensive mills; thence by loor laci (Lisleigh) the lands of Mr. Patrick Nugent, on which there is a
 overhanging the river, in the crevices of which the owl and wild cat find a hiding place; thence by Farnane, the residence of the Walshes, on whose lands, at a place called 万leany an Ceampall, or, Ceampall lice Objian (Lickoran), are the ruins of an old

Cpuad-jol 马eapaleaci feapioa fiocimap,
 eal our;






 уо́ mar Choball a m-bpollad a yapmo ;



 dó map beczoll a y-belfin pa Zpaol fopm,









church dedicated to St. Odhran, who lived in the sixth century, in which suicides and still-born children are interred;-on then by Mountain Castle the seat of Mr. James O'Keeffe, till it falls into the Blackwater at Affane, three miles below Cappoquin.
${ }^{7}$ Cannals $\mathfrak{~ f l a b o s . ~ T h i s ~ p l a c e ~ g o e s ~ n o w ~ b y ~ t h e ~ n a m e ~ o f ~ C u n n a c ~}$ na rlaobalje, on which Slady Castle, built about two centuries ago by Philip Magrath, stands, but is now nearly in ruins. Travelling through the place last summer, we saw the whole side of the building levelied to the ground. We think this old mansionis on the estate of Mr. Chearnley of Saltibridge, Cappoquin, and if

Ir ponba culpa do cupread do lujze leaz,












Do coorifur ó m'eol oam a y-fuman, a'r fónre a b-pпór ceane le laoj̇b;



Brázar feapóa ćlanda mịc 20jleas,
 o'

so, it is a matter of astonishment, that a gentleman who takes so much interest in archæological matters as he does, will not save this ancient building from total destruction; or does it not come within the cognisance of the Kilkenny and South-east of Ireland Archaological Society?

Beataleac, the Geraldines. 2 banrace, the Barrys.
${ }^{3}$ Rórrease, the Roches, Lords of Fermoy.
${ }^{4}$ Consll. This is Connall Gulban.
3 balsum. This is Balar Bemeann of the evil eye, whose daughter was married to Crom Dubh, after the death of St. Patrick, according to some of the bards of the west of Ireland. See Tribes of Ireland, p. 42, $n$.
${ }^{6}$ Cappripe. This is Cairbre Liffeachair, monarch of Ireland, A.D. 277. See Book of Rights, p. 146, note $w$.

le’r buadad realb ár ceavinar na 3 -cpijoc po; mapacapo Seapaleatj Sheayapor ár jojoma, Baprapár Róprejs, cpóc ya cpapbe.

 mome ay Jhleannar ba deaplib bo jnopeal bo, a'r Moplue Finve ${ }^{3}$ й b-pomapica dionam.









 oo bior 50 b-ó





: 5eamaleaij Sheanaio, the Geraldines of Shanet, Co Limerick.
${ }^{2}$ R
${ }^{3}$ Riopre firne, the White Knight.

- bmirace, the Bromns, lords Kilmane.
- búrcać, the Burkes, lords Clanrickarde.
${ }^{6}$ Jrarade, the Graces of Courtstown.
7 burléanać, the Butlers, dukes of Ormond.


 a'r bacuad capalo do'y eajlapr fine!

 А














 do bpelí zadnor a pealb da robllee,



## 21 g feape lao.

 Bopb blle corayeac ceafrDo coramı


[^42]
##  M1D) DejRCe.

 Rij an Dorivad, mya ya 5 -ceayyuljie, ajur

 ay चabapme, -rjo mad buay a maprinre—a rejlb ya b-ajze.
 é́ zo male majr ba dual ajur ba dúżćar dule a befi. Cponyur ea Diapmujo 'ya ay èlayj? Zajo 50 bpadimap zeapy, 一a’r maj̇ ó Dhfa ya ceayy.

1 This is the begging petition or prayer of a beggarman, named O'Farrell, who levied tax on the farmers of Munster, and in the county of Waterford in particular, in the beginning of the present century. On arriving at the farmers' houses he recited this petition, and his contributions consisted entirely in wool, butter, and oatmeal. I remember my mother handing him about 7 lbs . of wool, which he indignantly threw in her face, vehemently swearing that he would satirize her to death if she did not give him a stone weight, which she was obliged to do. He had his horses and cars to carry his booty to the markets of Dungarvan or Waterford to make sale of them. There never yet was colored cloth known that he had not a patch of it on his coat; he wore an old pair of topboots.with long spurs, and his lean horse was of a dapple grey colour. His visits to our house were always in May, and quite regular up to 1808, but what became of him after we never heard. On the old road from Kilrosenty to Kilmacthomas, in the county of Waterford, there was at this time and even later, up to 1817, a
 inhabited by bocachs, or beggars, which they deserted in the month of May, barricading the doors of their huts, never returning till September, meantime engaged in collecting through the country, and making sales of what they gathered. This copy was made from a manuscript written by a scribe named Power in 1802, whom we met herding cattle for a gentleman near Tramore in the county of Waterford, in 1836.





 Ir maji ay $\tau$-ןona to fép é, —ir maji ćéayda, -a mala ya mijue, 一ir eu riol ya raojée, -


Foceayy Dia jay opread ya défuce ro do rfféfo







 piopa b-oce,-10ya pócad beaj a yocie,-ba


 car le $\mathrm{D}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$, Deo Grutias!







## ${ }^{1}$ Catherine Nash.

## 2 John O'Murphy.

${ }^{8}$ Cnorre F (minne, the cross-road of Knockfirin, county of Limerick.
${ }^{4}$ Srajo пa m-bontranaci, i.e. the street of the sprats, the name of a street in Waterford where sprats were sold.





 jrian ope，一＇rjo mad pamap jeal a pacar




 ayayy rian ayal，一azur $z^{\circ} \mathrm{m}$－belmeany ríay
户јalad ay fead befoear Dla aj calceati ya











 léay！ir déprc leat mo beaynaćtra befi azad


万o 方伭か。


























 Lom; かす!




${ }^{1}$ Cyll Chmps, the abber of Kilcrea, celobrated by Mr. A. J. Geoghegan in his poem entitled "The Monks of Kilcrea."

2 bovle ohthintye Ballyomey: the anciont patrimony of the O'Herlihies, a prime resort of the 3Iunster beggars.


 bualad d ayy bac baple manjad ap fead ya b-empont.
 clabapreace bépl-50 1)-oúbipir ré lép:-






 púrja mé oo béal le baza.

Do bí equи bay—ba yár ay rféal é,
 oo ćuprear a

 14 lur马ape caplife le cepropom mór



Ni at liom cajlin mijin, palac,


Ní aje lyon cantrojo cajllije caypayac ar a

 opablujすe plarjabać，
 oa opayoal



 caol－rpazacia leabupy，
 мбю сَ́万ぃ


Ni afe lom beay fiony calnompead cilearać，


 reapc，
11 amlap bjor an beay oovy mapl por a 5 －copay ＇$\uparrow$ ay beay dub map çónayac peay．
Dob＇＾т







 céadona．

Rathar easwujdje.








 Luplence pa b-prénióob-farapo;


$\qquad$

 Jf 19,



 fr bpy beal ó beje padia.
 Ba leójr oo coztan ó jopa;
Do betr Dia to cproje 弓an boćma, Nío ya дорй yac rilleay.
the END.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The author must either hare allowed the exigencies of metre to compel him to use a wrong word, or else mean the Saxon slaves which the noble Anglo-Saxon fathers and mothers sold to the Celts -for "serf" and "vassal" were creatures unknown among the ancient Irish. It is curious what immense sympathy there is now among the descendants of those noble (children-selling Anglo-Saxons), for the Slares in the States. True, the ancient Irish freed their fathers at the call of the Christian missionaries, and this example dwelling for hundreds of years in the dull Anglo-Saxon brain, has produced its aloe-like flowers at last.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Pr. iss tru-a gan oyra na varra! "'Tis pity without heirs of their company.
    ${ }^{2}$ Never was literature so cherished as in ancient Erinn; in one county alone (Donegal) the rental of the lands bestowed upon the Ollavs or Professors of Learning would be worth now $£ 2000$ a year.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Pr. Looreen o loora, loora leura. This specimen was kindly conmunicated by that bol5 of song and anecdote, Sergeant John L. Hart, 2nd battalion, 18th Royal Irish, Aldershot Camp. Another specimen is given in Petrie's Music, commencing-
    "Maileo lero and imbo nero, I went to the wood when day was breaking, Maileo lero and imbo ban!

[^3]:    1 No ceut mile 5 亿its, literally, my hundred thousand love. i.e. my hamal erd thousand tim's beloved. Hardiman said it was impossible to translate this little song.

[^4]:    1 This very flattering allusion to Connacht might give a clue to the anonymons poets birth-pace.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Mac Gearoit was a native of Blarney, county of Cork, and composed this song about A.D. 1744. He must be an obscure

[^6]:    "ollami ne oar" among the bardic profession, as this is the only effusion of his we ever remember having seen.-J. O'D.

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ The fairy of the white Rocks in the north was $\mathfrak{2 l o f j l l l}$ (pr. Eavil.)
    ${ }_{2}$ Pr. Annia.
    ${ }^{3}$ Pr. Cleena.
    ${ }^{4}$ Pr. Deirdra.

[^8]:    - Latinised Milesius.
    ${ }^{6}$ Pr. baun-eevin-the "pleasant plain or slope" which lies beside the Loch.

[^9]:    1 Int Capabae, the Cararat. This song was composed abont the year 1810, by James O'Donnell, of Laurencetown, Kilfinan, co. of Limerick, for two factions which started in Munster, who went by the soubriquet of Cararat and Shanarest,i.e. cravat and old waistcoat. Notwithstanding the exhortations of the clergy, and their denunciation of the lawless system pursued by these misguided men, they followed their nocturnal visits to the farmers of the infected districts,regulating

[^10]:    1 The poet repeats here one of those arguments which doubtless assailed his good advice in conversation before．His opponent me－ naces him first，and then taunts him with the fact that the law （which he had broken in the bard＇s neighbourhood）laid its penalty on the bard，I suppose in the shape of au extra－police tax．－Er．

[^11]:    ${ }^{2}$ In the last line, he says, "I am in my sleep, and don't awaken me"-a very significant phrase. Pr." Taumsha mo hulla iss nee yoosia me," or as it is often said especially in Uliter, Ta me mo hulla iss na doosi me, which a Sacsanach, when calling for that air, metamorphosed into, "Tommy Maculla made boots for me !"-Er

[^12]:    

[^13]:    1 Jleant Flerr5, Glenflesk, or the river Flesk, in the county of Cork; for an account of which see Windele's Historical Notices of Cork and Killarney, p. 424.-J. O'D.

[^14]:    1 श्र) aoll, i, e., a bald or hornless cow; probably the only stock Seaan O'Dee possessed.-J. O'D.

    2 This dramatic ballad, from the analytical form of the verb in the original, seems to be of Ulster origin

[^15]:    ${ }^{1}$ Fryozal nat r-bejee, is the text in some manuscripts, and it is it I have translated, as being more highly poetical. The translation of the Irish on the opposite page would be:-The metiden's voice, de.-Er
    ${ }^{2}$ Surely this is a most heautiful and poetic mode of declaring the pleasures of our clime.-Sip.

[^16]:     epithet Ireland is allegorically meant．
    ${ }^{2}$ Laopreaci，i．e．，Louis of France．
    ${ }^{3}$ bay binaz，i．e，the French colours．
    4 The Rev．William English．

[^17]:    ${ }^{1}$ Rumin hals neac，a solitary or uninhabited apartment，by which is meant the grave．－J．O＇D．

    2 Vulgo，colleen．

[^18]:    ${ }^{3}$ Cota, a coat. It is probable that the English language is indebted for the names of many articles of dress to the Irish, ex. trousers from truis, \&c., \&c.-Er.

    - 4 This, as well as the whole poem, is closely literal.

[^19]:    4 Ollean, Castle Island is referred to here.
    ${ }^{5}$ Spuoll, a slovenly, untidy person : by which the "Jolly Rover" designates the Kilkenny girls, who, according to his account, could not bear comparison with those of Ferry.-J. O'D.

[^20]:    ${ }^{1}$ Jalle, the river Galey or Gale, in the county of Kerrry, for a description of which, see Smith's Kerry, pp. 213, 338. On its borders the poet's ancestors were located.-J. O'D.

    2 $\mathfrak{2 l}$ Fnaŋncac, the French. Here again is another look out for the Frenchman!

[^21]:    ${ }^{1}$ Carlean Undenll，i．e．，ONeills Custle．The air of this song will be found in Bunting＇s Irish Music，Ed．1797，p．15．－J．OD．

[^22]:    ${ }^{1}$ i.e. the Four-poster! the state bed of every farm house,

[^23]:    1 Eoghan Mor king of Munster and Conn of the Hundred Battles, who fought at Magh Lena, A.D. 196, are referred to here.
     James II. Who fought at the Boyne.
    ${ }^{3}$ This refers to the departure of the northern chieftains; it were loathsome to quote all the vile arts employed to drive them into exile. The following extract from that "best of biographies," Mitchell's Life of Aodh O'Veill, will be found sufficient.-Er.

    - By some means or other, by anonymous letters and vague rumors. ' artful Cecil' succeeded in fixing on O'Neill and O'Donnell a charge of treason, to sustain which there has not been, from that

[^24]:    * Pron. Aye, anglicised Hugh.

[^25]:    2 This, I think, is a name under which one of the Stuart exiles the worthless son of a worthless race of kings, was known by. as well as by that of the "black-bird."-Er.

[^26]:    'Pronounced "babaun," which means "little babe"; one of the many endearing diminutives so common in Irish.

[^27]:    ${ }^{1}$ Here the lady indicates that she will not wed her lover：and further lessens his position by contrasting him with a servant or menial in the establishment．－J．O＇D．
    ${ }^{2}$ Here the bachelor replies．
    ${ }^{8}$ In other copies cun cam，literally，a crooked turn，deceit，\＆c． －J．O＇D．

[^28]:    4 It is to be presumed that the foregoing poem did service as a serenade; we may suppose the damsel opened her rustic casement to give this answer to the distasteful suitor. The contrast between his sentiments, before and after the unfavorable response, is amusing in the extreme.-Er.
    ${ }^{3}$ Pronounced " bohilleen," a young boy.

    - A popular manly sport.

[^29]:     to here.
    ${ }^{3}$ This song expresses the sentiments of a people lately robbed of their rights, and of a time when Catholics alone represented the national party in the land. Happily, since the days of Grattan, Swift, and Davis, men of all creeds "rank in with one accord."-Ee.

[^30]:    "When on Ramillie's bloody field The baffled French were forced to yield, The victor Saxon backward reeled

    Before the charge of Clare's Dragoons."-Davis. But he was in command of the whole Brigade at the Battle of

[^31]:    : Oin $\ddagger$ a m-bato. This must be Dungarvan in the country of Waterford, remarkable for its fishing boats, to which the following old adage is correctly applied :-

    > "Ounjanbin ria rearbis reólea," Dungarvan of the old fast-sailing boats.

    It takes its name from St. Garbhan, who founded an abtey of Canons Regular there in the seventh century. His festival is celebrated:on the 21st Norember. See Martyrology of Tallaght, by the late Rev. Matthew Kelly, D.D. of St. Patrick's College, Maynoth. —J, O'D.

[^32]:    1 See a biographical sketch of Eoghan Ruadh. by the late Edward Walsh, in the Reliques of Irish Jacobite Poetry:-J. O'D
    ${ }^{3}$ A popular saying.

[^33]:    'Celtic idiom for "those like me."

[^34]:    ${ }^{2}$ Anglicised William the Blind O'Heffernan.
    ${ }^{3} \mathrm{Pr}$. O wisha!

[^35]:    1 Patrick ${ }_{=}^{2}$ Den, author of the present song, was parish clerk and schoolmaster at Cappoquin, in the county of Waterford, for a series of years, but died in the year 1828, and was interred in the chapel-yard of that town, where his genius as a poet, and unaffected piety as a Christian, was so much admired-even by those who

[^36]:    ${ }^{1}$ This song is the joint production of a wealthy young country squire named O'Breen, and a neighbouring peasant girl in humble circumstances with whom he fell deeply in love. From the sim-

[^37]:    1 Mochree.

[^38]:    ${ }^{1}$ This poet, who laments the loss of his four children, had been ou tlawed for some political offence, perhaps that of learning to read, and was obliged to seek refuge among the mountain glens. He constructed a shieling there, which, during his absence, fell upon his family, giving his "Loving four" to death. It appears to me so full of pathos and delicate feeling, that I have given a translation.

[^39]:    ${ }^{1}$ 5né, literally, my visage, that is, his appearance had completely changed.

[^40]:    ${ }^{5}$ From its hissing sound, and from its being so slippery that no English Deputy could hold his word.

[^41]:    ${ }^{1}$ Foreigners (pron. in Munster gowl), hence the nickname Gowla, i.e. Gallda, "the English," or "the foreign," applied to any one aping the English in manners, speech or politics; it is considered as

[^42]:    ${ }^{1}$ lu|mnea $\dot{c}$, Limerick; by this stanza the reader is led to infer that he died in Limerick and was interred there, which is rather doubtful, as Knockbee is the ancestral burial place of the Magraths.

